

## Solomon Burke dies at 70



File - Solomon Burke, the king of rock and soul has died at Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport. Airport police spokesman Robert van Kapel confirmed the death of the singer Sunday Oct. 10, 2010. He was 70.

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## Tense final hours ahead for Chilean miners

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SAN JOSE MINE, Chile (AP)

— A smooth-walled path to daylight awaited 33 trapped miners Sunday as they entered the tense final hours of a two-month odyssey christened in the terror of collapsing rock deep under a Chilean mountain.

With the eyes of the world on Chile's no-expense-spared effort to ensure all the men emerge unharmed, the miners' physical and mental health was being fastidiously monitored. Precautions were taken against all manner of complications — aspirin to prevent blood clots, a special drink to settle the stomach, video monitors to watch for panic attacks.

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## Obama urges crowd to show him the energy of '08

PHILADELPHIA — President Barack Obama is imploring Democrats to show him the energy and motivation that helped carry him to power in 2008.

Obama told a spirited Philadelphia rally on Sunday that his agenda is at stake in next month's elections, with Republicans determined to keep blocking him at every turn.

Vice President Joe Biden joined the president at the rally, the second of four big ones designed to re-ignite the excitement of Obama's climb to the White House and counter the enthusiasm of the other side.

As he put it to the crowd, "We need you as fired up as you were in 2008." □

## 'GEAR UP'



President Barack Obama speaks in the East Room of the White House in Washington, Friday, Oct. 8, 2010, prior to signing the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010.

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## Congratulations



## St. Maarten, Curacao celebrate increased autonomy

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PHILIPSBURG, St. Maarten (AP)

Several thousand revelers gathered in the capitals of tiny St. Maarten and Curacao on Sunday to celebrate greater autonomy within the Dutch kingdom as a result of the breakup of the Netherlands Antilles. At the stroke of midnight Saturday,

officials lowered the blue-and-red Netherlands Antilles flag and raised the flags of St. Maarten and Curacao in their place.

On Sunday morning, parliament members and other government leaders on the two Caribbean islands were sworn in.

The status change is largely symbolic because the Netherlands Antilles

— colonized by the Dutch in the 17th century — had been largely self-governing for 56 years.

The Dutch monarch will remain head of state, overseeing foreign affairs and defense, and the islands' people will remain Dutch nationals, with Dutch passports.

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# Space double: Astronaut twins to join up in orbit



CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — The stars may have finally aligned for the world's only space sibling team. Astronaut Scott Kelly is circling the planet, fresh into a 5 1/2-month space station mission. His identical twin, Mark, will join him next year, if NASA's shuttle schedule holds up. Together, they will become the first blood relatives to meet up in space. "It's something we hoped

would happen," Mark said. "It wasn't done by design. But we're fortunate. I think it will be fun for us." Scott is the International Space Station's next commander. He took off aboard a Russian Soyuz rocket early Friday texting and joking with his brother right until launch and arrived at the orbiting complex Saturday night. Mark is space shuttle Endeavour's next commander. He's due to take off at the end of February and knock on the space station door March 1. It's currently slated to be NASA's last shuttle flight. Mark couldn't resist a little twin humor in a congratulatory call to his brother at the space station. "Hey Mark, this is Scott," Mark radioed from Mission Control outside Moscow. "You know, six months is a long time in space. So thanks for switching spots with me. Just hope I can remember how

to fly that space shuttle." Don't expect any handshakes when the Kellys unite more than 200 miles up. The 46-year-old brothers Navy captains and former fighter pilots have never shaken each other's hands and don't plan to start just because the space station cameras are rolling. Rather, count on embraces and even arm-wrestling when the hatches pop open between the space station and Endeavour, and the world does a double take. For now, anyway, there's a little difference Scott is clean-shaven and Mark has a mustache. The Kellys promise no gags or matching outfits in space. They insist they've never done any of that. So how will they mark the historic occasion? The Associated Press posed the question in a recent interview. "We're going to arm-wrestle," replied Mark.

"I was going to say the same exact thing," said Scott. They laughed, then speculated on which twin would win, and whether it might end up a draw, with the two rotating around each other in weightlessness. "I'll win because I'll have more zero-g experience," Scott said. "By that point, your bones will be like powder. Your muscles will be atrophied," Mark countered. While there have been father-and-son astronauts and cosmonauts, decades have separated their spacemissions. A husband and wife flew together in space in 1992 Mark Lee and Jan Davis but NASA permitted it only because they were not married at the time they were picked for the shuttle mission and had no children. They divorced several years later. For the Kellys, it wasn't meant to come together like this. Mark should have been up

and back from space by now. Endeavour's launch had been scheduled for July, but it was delayed to make improvements to the Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer, the primary cargo. Between them, they have five shuttle flights. Endeavour's trip will make six. Even if NASA had agreed to put them on the same shuttle flight, which brother would be commander and which one co-pilot? "We'd have to arm-wrestle again," Mark said. Endeavour will have to hit its Feb. 27 launch date or come awfully close, if the Kellys-in-space reunion is to stay on track. Scott Kelly will return to Earth in a Soyuz in mid-March, brotherly visit or no. They expect their parents retired police officers to be stressed out more than usual as Endeavour's flight nears, not to mention their 94-year-old grandmother, who still asks if they might prefer becoming a lawyer or dentist. □







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# Ivory Coast army officer held in gun-smuggling

SAN FRANCISCO — The Ivory Coast army colonel arrived in New York on Aug. 29, and authorities say he planned to return home days later with \$4 million in guns and ammunition his country purchased from a suburban Washington D.C. broker.

Instead, Col. Nguessan Yao is being held in federal custody in a Northern California jail and the broker is scheduled to appear in court next week to answer charges that the two conspired to illegally circumvent a worldwide arms embargo of violence-plagued Ivory Coast.

The case all the elements of a spy thriller, right down to a mysterious “Mr. X” the man who launched the saga by tipping federal authorities in July 2009.

Since then, the West African nation’s ministers of defense and finance, some diplomats and other government officials of the world’s largest cocoa producer have been implicated in an alleged scheme to smuggle guns into a country under an United Nations arms embargo.

They are accused of paying \$3.8 million to undercover agents posing as American arms dealers for 4,000 9-millimeter Glock handguns, 200,000 bullets and 50,000 tear gas grenades in violation of the arms embargo.

The Ivory Coast officials make little effort to conceal their involvement. They argue that government security forces are poorly armed and outgunned by opposition forces intent on using violence to influence the outcome of the first presidential election in more than five years on Oct. 31.

The opposition, in turn, raises similar accusation about the government.

Yao, who is being held without bail, was transferred to Northern California because the lead investigators in the case are based in San Jose. He was assigned a public defender and pleaded not guilty with assistance of a French interpreter Sept. 29. His lawyers didn’t return phone calls.

Michael Shor, a suburban Washington D.C. trade consultant, who was arrested in April and has since agreed to work with investigators, is scheduled to appear in San Jose federal court on Thursday. He is free on \$100,000 bail and is expected to enter a plea to charges of conspiring to violate the embargo and exporting weapons without a proper government permit. He is accused of serving as the deal’s middleman, introducing the buyers to the sellers.

Each defendant faces up to 10 years in prison.

Shor anticipated netting about \$250,000 for brokering the deal, according to court records, which also depict Shor telling an undercover agent that he represented the country’s minister of defense, Michel Amani N’Guessan.

“I have an exclusive agreement,” Shor is recorded as saying to the agent during a wiretapped phone conversation on Aug. 25, 2009. “They name myself and my company as an agent for the government in Cote d’Ivoire to, to handle military equipment.”

The defense minister publicly proclaimed the government’s need for the weapons on Sept. 16.

He said that without the weapons “Ivory Coast could see a catastrophe.”

In an interview Wednesday with The Associated press, former Defense Minister Bertin Kadet, now a top security adviser to President Laurent Gbagbo said that the Ivorian government still hasn’t been officially notified by the United States that one of its citizens has been arrested.

“We’re getting all our information from the press,” he said.

Meanwhile, Kadet said the government desperately needs the type of weapons at the center of the U.S. criminal case to keep violence at bay. “How are we supposed to hold elections, if we can’t keep the peace?” Kadet said. “The U.N. mission in Ivory Coast isn’t responsible for security, we are.”

The U.N. in 2004 placed an

arms embargo on the Ivory Coast after the government broke a peace accord that was supposed to end civil war in the divided West Africa nation. The ban includes sales of “arms of any related materiel,” which includes tear gas grenades.

The nation has been struggling to hold a presidential election over the last year. A date for elections has been set and missed six times. Gbagbo’s term officially expired five years ago.

The United Nations Security Council announced last month that up to 500 peacekeepers would be sent to the Ivory Coast to provide security during the election.

Kadet, the presidential adviser, said that much of the country’s violence has subsided since a peace accord was signed in 2007.

“If you want us to get out of this crisis, all you need to do is let us have the equipment we need to hold peaceful elections,” he said.

It was against this backdrop that Col. Yao arrived in New York on Aug. 29 to close the weapons deal, U.S. government officials charge. He inspected the weapons in New Jersey two days later and explained he needed an invoice showing Ivory Coast purchasing \$3.8 million in computer and electrical equipment, as well as a separate invoice showing purchase of \$3.8 million in weapons.

The colonel was about to board an airplane home when he was arrested on Sept. 9 in New York and charged with attempting to export weapons without obtaining a license required by the U.S. State Department.

The case traces its roots to a July 31, 2009, meeting in San Jose between government agents and a “cooperating defendant,” government parlance for someone trading valuable information about crime in exchange for leniency in his own criminal case.

The court documents show the informant, dubbed “Mr. X” in the indictment, told Immigration and Customs



Enforcement agents that Shor days earlier had e-mailed him a “letter of intent” listing the weapons he wanted to purchase.

Mr. X then introduced Shor to undercover agents posing as arms dealers.

“Shor explained the weapons were for government agencies to maintain peace during and after national elections,” ICE

agent Terrance Stebbins wrote in an April 21 application to a judge for permission to arrest Shor. During the summer of 2009, investigators eavesdropped on Shor’s phone conversations. Transcripts included in court filings show Shor to be concerned about his middleman role and his having to trust both buyer and seller.

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# Dying communities see salvation in new prisons



BERLIN, N.H. — Mike Secinore is pinning his hopes on prison. Fresh with a criminal justice degree from the local community college, the 20-year-old Berlin native plans to apply for a corrections officer job at the federal prison expected to open in the city next summer.

There aren't many options in this northern region of New Hampshire, where major employers have closed their doors in recent years and further unemployment woes beckon if the last surviving paper mill shuts down this week, letting 240 workers go. "I'm really wanting to have a career, not just a job,"

said Secinore, who recently lost a counter position at an auto parts store. He worked there for five years, coping with a wage freeze and a cut in hours. "I really need something where I'm going to make money."

Although rural communities have successfully lobbied for and built prisons for years, not many studies have been done on their economic impact. Some studies indicate slight economic gains for some prison towns, according to a Congressional Research Service report in April. Others that have become prison anchors might have not grown as fast as those without prisons.

Florence, Colo., where a federal prison complex went up in 1994, was once

a major oil producer and gold-smelting center and now has some new businesses. New federal prisons have recently started hiring in West Virginia, which has seen a decline in coal jobs, and in an impoverished farming community in California. Others are being built in Mississippi and Alabama. The population of Berlin, once above 22,000 during the 1920s when the paper industry was at its peak, is down to under 10,000 as mills shut down and people leave in search of new opportunities, including many of Secinore's peers. The population is aging; the median age in the county is 44.

For some, like Secinore, there is hope the prison could take away some of the sting, providing jobs and business opportunities. It's expected to employ about 330 workers, with 60 percent about 200 coming from New Hampshire; the rest would be brought in from other federal prisons. Others aren't as hopeful. Back in 2002, Berlin residents voted in favor of a proposal to bring in a federal prison. Today, strict requirements for the jobs, among them that employees be hired before age 37, have diminished some of the excitement.

Stay tuned, supporters say. "There are some people within the community that still don't like the federal prison, that don't think it's going to do anything for us," said Diana Nelson, who works at the Berlin office of the state Department of Employment Security.

"But I've seen this project since Day 1, and I saw what just the construction workers coming in have done for the local economy they're buying cars, eating in the restaurants, Dunkin' Donuts," she said. "It's little stuff, but they're here and they're spending money."

The federal Bureau of Prisons estimates the medium-security prison in Berlin will contribute about \$38 million annually to the local and regional economy, with

most of that spent on salaries, goods, services and utilities. Many of the 1,700 inmates will serve sentences for drug- and firearms-related crimes in the large, white complex on a hill north of the city with a view of the Presidential Mountain range.

A recruitment team made up of employees at the White Mountains Community College, the employment security office, economic development agencies and community leaders have been holding sessions to inform businesses and potential employees about the prison.

Prison jobs wouldn't be available to many of the mill workers, who are 50 and older, but team members see the potential for a ripple effect once the prison starts hiring. Younger people who are hired would leave job openings in the area, they say.

"If the Bureau of Prisons hires a warehouse worker from the Berlin Walmart, that's going to open up a steady-paying job for someone in the community," bureau spokeswoman Cathi Litcher said.

Murray Rogers was one of 303 casualties of the last mill closing, in 2007 in Groveton, about 25 miles northwest of Berlin. Rogers, a welder, found work at a construction firm. Others trained for medical coding, nursing and other fields.

"The majority of the people are making, at most, two-thirds of what they made in there," said Rogers, who also managed a state re-employment center for the workers. Some people retired, others moved away, and others are still looking for work after they were hired by other companies that eventually closed, he said.

In the case of federal prisons, the government helps the community arrive at an estimate of how many people would be hired locally, but that number often isn't met, according to Eric Williams, assistant professor at the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies at Sonoma State University north of San Francisco. □

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# NYC therapist slay spotlights risks as trial nears

NEW YORK – Psychologist Kathryn Faughey had never treated the schizophrenic man accused of murdering her with a meat cleaver in her office. He would later tell police he was targeting her office mate in a bizarre robbery plot he imagined would help him get his mother out of anursing home.

Paranoid and prone to delusions that he's the Messiah and heard the devil speak to him, David Tarloff had repeatedly been hospitalized for his mental problems, according to his lawyers and psychiatrists. He was arrested on charges of punching a security guard a week and a half before Faughey's 2008 slaying, but was released after a psychiatrist said he didn't need further treatment.

Jury selection is to start Tuesday in Tarloff's trial. He acknowledges committing the attack but plans an insanity defense, said his lawyer, Brian Konoski.

The case has highlighted the rare but sometimes grave dangers of a profession dedicated to helping unstable people. It also reflects the difficulties of assessing and treating serious mental illness, and the legal challenges of mounting an insanity defense.

It has long been uncertain whether Tarloff ever would be tried.

He was considered mentally unfit for trial for about a year and has sometimes refused to talk to his lawyer.

"We're relieved that it's finally happening," said Owen Faughey, one of the victim's six siblings; some attended each of Tarloff's court dates. But, he added, "it's going to be very tough emotionally on all of us."

Faughey, 56, specialized in helping people with relationships. She also played guitar even attending a camp for enthusiasts — and contributed to causes related to her family's native Ireland.

Tarloff, 42, began suffering psychiatric problems as a college student. They grew into an inner world of fixation, fear and hallucinations: seeing the "eye of God" on a kitchen floor and the word "Satan" spelled in his mind, hearing God and the devil speaking to him, according to Konoski.

His relatives strove to get and keep him in hospitals, but the facilities kept releasing him, his brother has said.

That's a common, if frustrating, cycle for families of the mentally ill, sometimes fueled by insurance limits and laws that make it difficult to treat patients against their will, said Ron Honberg, who oversees legal affairs for the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

By February 2008, Tarloff was an erratic and lonesome figure, despondent over his mother's move to a nursing home.

He set out to get \$50,000 to spirit her away to Hawaii, he told police in a video-recorded statement. He decided to rob Faughey's office mate, psychiatrist Dr. Kent Shinbach.

Shinbach was involved in Tarloff's first hospitalization, 17 years earlier. Tarloff told police he'd harbored a grudge against the psychiatrist and figured he was rich.

Tarloff called ahead to make sure Shinbach would be in his Manhattan office on the evening of Feb. 12, 2008, but he told police he didn't realize Faughey would be there.

"I didn't go there to hurt anybody," Tarloff said. He said he reacted out of a belief Faughey "was going to kill me."

Faughey was slashed 15 times, and Shinbach was seriously hurt as he tried to save her, authorities said. Shinbach declined to comment on the case.

The attacker fled, but investigators ultimately matched Tarloff's palm prints with some found on a suitcase filled with women's clothing and adult diapers left in the building. Another bag found nearby held rope, duct tape and knives not used in the attack, police said.

Tarloff is arguing that he shouldn't be held criminally responsible because of his mental illness. His defense hinges on persuading jurors not only that he has a serious psychiatric disorder but also that he didn't know what he was doing was wrong.

"Everything about his thought process was so bizarre so crazy that the proof in the case shows he was legally insane at the time of the commission of the offenses," Konoski said in an e-mail message this week. □



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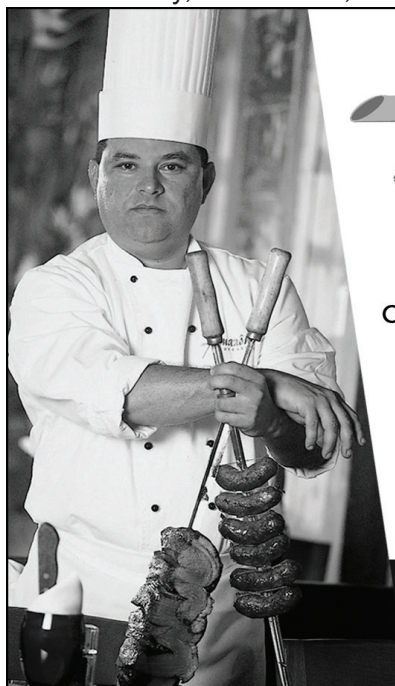
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In this still image taken from a video released by the government of Chile on Oct. 10, 2010, a worker welds steel pipes that will be used to encase part of the escape shaft as rescue efforts continue to free the 33 trapped miners at the San Jose mine near Copiapo, Chile, Sunday, Oct. 10, 2010. Saturday a drilling rig punched through to the collapsed mine where 33 miners have been trapped since Aug. 5.

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## MINERS

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And officials said the men were so giddy with confidence they were squabbling on Saturday, the day drills broke through to them, over who would get to be the last to take a twisting, 20-minute ride the half-mile up to a rock-strewn desert moonscape and into the embrace of those they love.

A tentative but secret list was drafted of which miners should come out first when the extraction begins, probably on Wednesday. But Health Minister Jaime Manalich said the otherwise cooperative miners were so sure of the exit plan that they were arguing about sequence.

"They were fighting with us yesterday because everyone wanted to be at the end of the line, not the beginning," he told reporters.

Manalich told The Associated Press that a few had volunteered in conversations among themselves to go up first. But none had volunteered publicly, he said.

"I think they're more excited than scared or nervous," Brandon Fisher, president of Center Rock Inc., the Pennsylvania company that made the hammer-style drill heads that created the opening for the rescue, told AP. "That first guy up might be a little nervous, though."

The final order will probably be determined by two paramedics, one from the Navy and one from the Codelco state mining company, who will be lowered into the mine to prepare the men for their journey in a rescue capsule built by Chilean naval engineers.

Over the past week, all the miners underwent tests to assess their health. Manalich said officials were concerned about acute hypertension in some of the miners as well as the opposite — sudden drops in blood pressure — in others because of the speed of the ascent to the surface.

Another concern is blood clotting. To counteract it, the miners began taking 100 milligrams each of aspirin on Sunday, he said. They will also put on compression socks and a special girdle and will be on a special high-calorie liquid prepared and donated by NASA for the final six hours before being removed, Manalich said.

The liquid-only diet is to prevent them from becoming nauseated. The rescue capsule is expected to rotate 350 degrees some 10 to 12 times through curves in the 28-inch-diameter

escape hole on its way up, he added.

Officials biggest worry was panic attacks, the health minister said.

"They are very nervous. But on the other hand they're so busy with what's happening," he said. "There's no time to think or be distracted."

In large part, that's by design. The psychologists and engineers managing the miners' days have kept them busy. On Saturday, several blasted open a wider chamber at the base of the escape hole with 12 pounds of dynamite.

A small video camera in the escape capsule will be trained on each miner's face so it can be watched as he ascends. Each will also have a mask attached to an oxygen tank affixed to their face and two-way voice communication.

The miners will also wear sweaters because they'll experience a shift in climate from about 90 degrees Fahrenheit underground to temperatures hovering near freezing if they emerge at night. And those coming out during daylight hours will wear sunglasses.

After a quick on-site medical check, they will be helicoptered to a hospital 15 minutes away where they will be put under observation in a ward dark as a movie theater.

Officials began detailed monitoring Sunday of their health, sweating every detail of the ascent that is expected to last about 20 minutes for each man.

"Today we sent down special equipment to measure their heart rate, their respiration rate and skin temperature," Manalich said.

A video inspection Saturday showed the hole's walls firm and smooth, without any fissures or rupture of walls of the mine.

"If this had been a vertical hole we probably could have done it in half the time," said Fisher. It was an emotional roller-coaster-ride — with no guarantee of success, he said.

The 5 1/2-inch-diameter pilot hole his drills followed down into firm rock laced with quartzite had "really threaded the needle" between several mine shafts.

But the rock is so hard that only the top few hundred feet of the escape hole needed to be reinforced with a steel sleeve. Workers were welding together about 16 steel pipes for that purpose. The completion of the escape shaft Saturday morning caused bedlam in the tent city known as Camp Hope, where the miners' relatives have held vigil since a cave-in sealed off the gold and copper mine Aug. 5. □



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# N. Korea's Kim and heir appear at lavish parade

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PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP) — The next leader of North Korea from the only ruling family the isolated nation has ever known made his public debut Sunday, clapping and smiling as tanks and long-range missiles rolled past in what was said to be the largest military parade staged by the communist state.

Two weeks after he was made a four-star general and set on the path to succession, Kim Jong Un sat next to his father, current North Korean leader Kim Jong Il, and waved from an observation platform to a raucous crowd cheering below.

The celebration marked the 65th anniversary of the ruling Workers' Party of Korea but also served as a coming-out party for the younger Kim, designed to introduce the heir-apparent to the people and burnish his image as the next leader, outside experts said.

"The parade served as a sign that the military has loyalty to the successor," said Kim Yong-hyun, an expert on North Korea at Seoul's Dongguk University.

The question of who would lead the nuclear-armed nation of 24 million had arisen after Kim Jong Il reportedly suffered a stroke in 2008. His third son, the Swiss-educated

Kim Jong Un, emerged as the heir apparent despite his youth and inexperience.

Dressed in a dark blue civilian suit, the younger Kim watched over a plaza named for his grandfather, North Korea's founder Kim Il Sung, who led his nation during the 1950-53 Korean War.

Thousands of troops from every branch of the 1.2 million-member military goose-stepped to the accompaniment of a military brass band while citizens waved plastic bouquets.

Trucks loaded with katyusha rocket launchers rolled by, but they were dwarfed by a series of missiles, each larger than the last and emblazoned with: "Defeat the U.S. military. U.S. soldiers are the Korean People's Army's enemy."

"If the U.S. imperialists and their followers infringe on our sovereignty and dignity even slightly, we will blow up the stronghold of their aggression with a merciless and righteous retaliatory strike by mobilizing all physical means, including self-defensive nuclear deterrent force, and achieve the historic task of unification," Ri Yong Ho, chief of the General Staff of the North Korean army, said at the event.

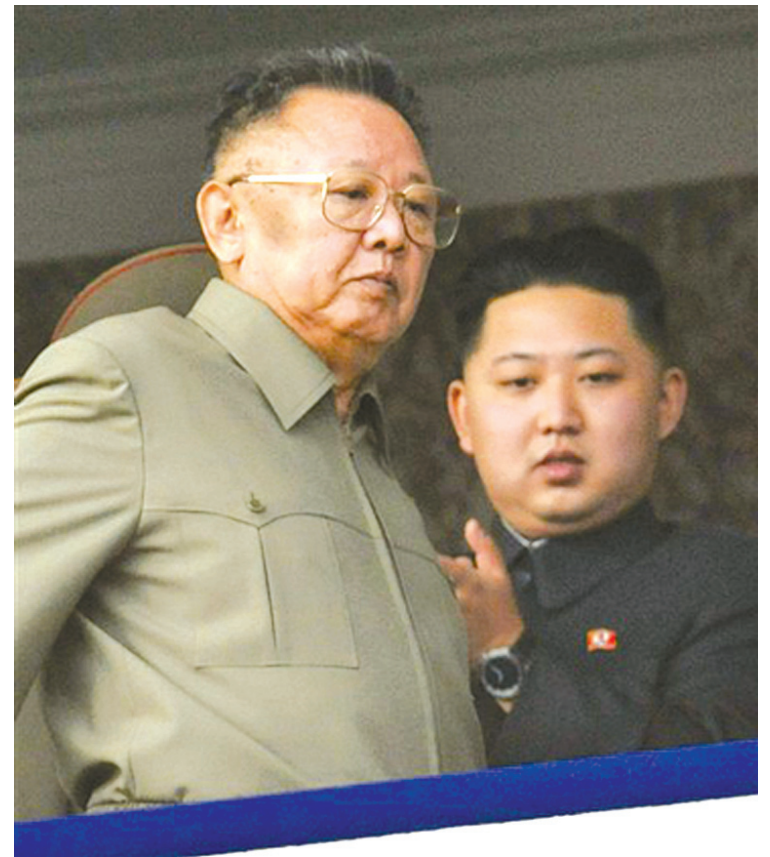
Japanese broadcaster NHK reported that the parade included three never-before-shown types of missiles and

launching devices, including one thought to be a new Musudan ballistic missile with a range of up to 3,100 miles, capable of hitting Japan and Guam.

South Korea's Defense Ministry said it could not immediately comment on the report, and a call to South Korea's top spy agency seeking comment went unanswered Sunday.

Just days earlier, the world got a first glimpse of the son from photos published in a state newspaper. Sunday's appearance was carried live by state TV, beaming him into North Korean households and giving the people their first good look at the future leader. The sight of the two Kims side by side, later waving to the crowd above a huge portrait of the late dynastic founder Kim Il Sung, drew cheers of "Hurrah!" and tears from North Koreans attending the parade in the heart of the capital Pyongyang. Some 300,000 people packed the streets to see the parade, the state-run Korean Central News Agency said.

"Kim Jong Il! Protect him to the death!" "Kim Jong Il, let's unite to support him!" they chanted as the 68-year-old leader walked the length of the platform, appearing to limp slightly and gripping the banister.



North Korea leader Kim Jong Il, left, walks by his son Kim Jong Un on the balcony as they attend a massive military parade marking the 65th anniversary of the communist nation's ruling Workers' Party in Pyongyang, North Korea on Sunday, Oct. 10, 2010.

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The Kims later also appeared at an evening gala featuring fireworks at Kim Il Sung Plaza, which was transformed into a massive set filled with tens of thousands of dancers with Pyongyang's iconic Juche Tower as a backdrop.

The theatrical multimedia performance, combining dance with archived footage shown on two huge screens, was designed to remind the people of Kim Il Sung's role in building the nation from the ashes of the Korean War, and to instill pride in Kim Jong Il's skill in leading the country and ruling party. Footage was shown off homegrown achievements, including the long-range rocket launch that was widely condemned by international powers in 2009.

"If Kim Il Sung could see us now, he'd be so happy," one slogan projected onto Juche Tower read.

"Hurrah! Hurrah!" the dancers shouted at the end, all eyes trained on the veranda where Kim Jong Il was watching the performance with his son and top officials. He appeared and waved to the performers, leaving many sobbing with emotion.

The government allowed international journalists to capture the debut of the man

dubbed the Young General after more than two years of virtually closing its borders to foreign media. Select media outlets were given front-row seats at events where the Kims appeared.

His age has never been revealed by North Korean officials, but the South Korean government believes the younger Kim to be 26, born Jan. 8, 1984. On Sunday, he was poised in public, every inch his father's son in both looks and demeanor as he joined Kim Jong Il in raising a hand to salute the troops parading past.

Meanwhile, activists protested the succession plan along the southern side of the Demilitarized Zone dividing the two Koreas.

"North Koreans," read one banner, "wake up and resist the people's murderer Kim Jong Il's shameful three-generational hereditary succession of power."

Activists also sent some 20,000 leaflets packed with \$1 bills and CDs carrying anti-Kim Jong Un rap songs floating attached to balloons across the border in hopes of reaching ordinary North Koreans, according to Park Sang-hak, a defector who now lives in Seoul. □

## Pakistan reopens Afghan border crossing NATO uses

DAVID RISING

Associated Press Writer

ISLAMABAD (AP) — Trucks bearing NATO supplies began flowing again Sunday across a critical border crossing into Afghanistan, opened a day earlier than expected by Pakistan and ending a blockade that had raised tensions between Washington and a key ally.

Pakistan had shut down the Torkham crossing along the Khyber Pass after a U.S. helicopter strike in the border area killed two Pakistani soldiers 11 days ago.

Following an apology from top U.S. officials last week, Pakistan announced Saturday that Torkham would be reopened. The crossing is usually closed Sundays,

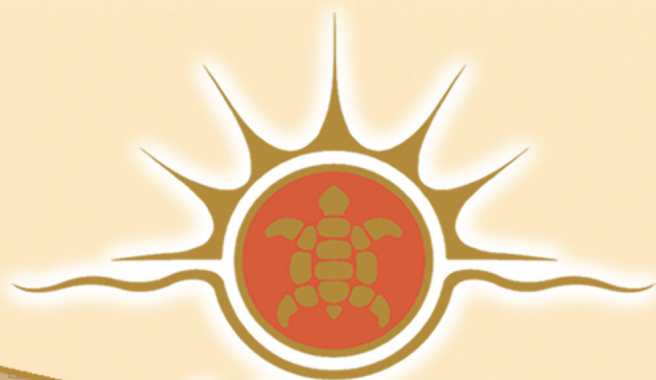


Pakistani oil tankers carrying fuel for NATO forces enter into Afghanistan through Pakistan's border crossing Torkham, Sunday, Oct. 10, 2010. Pakistan reopened a key border crossing to NATO supply convoys heading into Afghanistan on Sunday, ending an 11-day blockade imposed after a U.S. helicopter strike killed two Pakistani soldiers.

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however, and the U.S. had to begin moving again until Monday. □





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# Serbian police clash with anti-gay rioters



Serbian riot police attempt to detain a man, during the anti gay pride march in Belgrade, Serbia, Sunday, Oct. 10, 2010. Riot police in Serbia clashed with hundreds of far-right supporters who tried to disrupt a gay pride march in downtown Belgrade on Sunday. More than a dozen people were injured, officials said.

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Associated Press Writers

BELGRADE, Serbia (AP) — Serbian riot police fought running battles Sunday with thousands of far-right supporters who hurled Molotov cocktails and stun grenades to try to disrupt a gay pride march in downtown Belgrade. More than 140 people were hurt and more than 200 were arrested, officials said.

Thousands of police officers sealed off the streets in the capital where the march took place, repeatedly clashing at several locations with rioters who tried to burst through

security cordons.

Several parked cars were set on fire or damaged, shop windows were broken, garbage containers were overturned and streets signs destroyed. Several shops were looted before police restored peace late afternoon.

The anti-gay rioters also fired shots and threw Molotov cocktails at the headquarters of the ruling pro-Western Democratic Party, setting the building's garage on fire. The state TV building and the headquarters of other political parties were also attacked, with many windows shattered by stones.

Protesters chanting "death to homosexuals!" hurled bricks, stones, glass bottles and stun grenades at riot police. Police responded by firing tear gas and deploying armored vehicles to disperse the protesters, who remained in the heart of the capital even after the brief pride march ended.

Interior Minister Ivica Dacic said police estimated that 6,000 rioters faced 5,600 policemen. He praised the police "for preventing even more serious bloodshed."

Sunday's gay pride march was viewed as a major test for Serbia's government, which has pledged to protect human rights as it seeks European Union membership.

Right-wing groups broke up a gay march in 2001 and forced the cancellation of last year's event.

"This was undoubtedly a political message, an attempt to destabilize the country and this government," said political analyst Miljenko Dereta. "The rioters had political support." He said Serbia's pro-European government still faces strong opposition from the conservative and nationalist forces opposed to the modernization and reform of the country, which was ravaged by the wars in the Balkans in the 1990s.

The protesters hijacked a bus, ordered all of its passengers and the driver out, and pushed it down a steep street before it hit an electric pole on a main Belgrade square. They also destroyed a mobile breast cancer detection unit that was parked on another square.

A gay-rights activist, Lazar Pavlovic, said that staging of the pride march was a "historic event." He condemned the violence and noted that the incidents and immense security measures illustrate the dangers the gay people in Serbia are facing.

Police said 141 people, mostly police officers, were injured. They said 207 people were detained, 100 of whom remain in custody, suspected of violent behavior.

Serbian President Boris Tadic condemned the "vandalism" on Belgrade streets and pledged that the extremists would be arrested and punished.

"Serbia will guarantee human rights for all its citizens, regardless of the differences among them, and no attempts to revoke these freedoms with violence will be allowed," Tadic said.

Belgrade mayor Dragan Djilas said damage was estimated at more than €1 million (\$1.39 million).

Right-wing groups say the

gay events run counter to Serbian family and religious values. Most of the rioters Sunday were young football fans whose groups have been infiltrated by neo-Nazi and other extremist organizations. "These riots obviously have nothing to do with the gay parade or any moral values," said Democratic Party spokeswoman Jelana Trivan. "These are hooligan gangs which must be punished severely."

Defense Minister Dragan Sutanovac, vice president of the Democratic Party, said a part of the party's archive, warehouse and phone lines at the building were destroyed and shots were also fired at the building.

"It is high time that we deal in a very democratic way, through the courts, with those who call themselves members of the patriotic organizations," Sutanovac said.

"Is this Belgrade or the wild West?"

Senior Justice Ministry official Slobodan Homen said the state response would be "fierce." He said the city center is covered with surveillance cameras, the rioters have been identified and many already have been detained. He said they could face up to eight years in prison. □



# Hungarian factory sorry for those killed by sludge

**PABLO GORONDI,**  
**Associated Press Writer**  
KOLONTAR, Hungary (AP) — The owners of the metals plant whose reservoir burst, flooding several towns in western Hungary with caustic red sludge, expressed their condolences Sunday to the families of the seven people killed, as well as to those injured — and said they were sorry for not having done so sooner.

MAL Rt., which owns the alumina plant in Ajka, also said it was willing to pay compensation “in proportion to its responsibility” for the damage caused by the deluge. But the trouble may not be over.

With the northwest corner of the storage pool still showing a hole 50 meters (yards) wide where the mix of mud and water broke through last week, officials said the collapse of at least one of the breached walls was inevitable. That, they

said, would probably unleash a new deluge of toxic matter that could ooze a half-mile (1 kilometer) to the north, wreaking further havoc.

That would flood parts of the town nearest the plant — one of those already hit by the industrial waste Oct. 4 — but stop short of the next town to the north.

Environmental State Secretary Zoltan Illes said that recently discovered cracks on the northern wall of the reservoir at the alumina plant have temporarily stopped widening because of favorable weather conditions but will continue to expand, especially at night.

Disaster agency spokesman Tibor Dobson said engineers didn't detect any new cracks overnight Saturday, and the older cracks were being repaired, but it was too soon to consider lowering the state of alert.

Protective walls were being built around the reservoir's

damaged area to hold back further spills. And a 2,000-foot-long dam that will be between 4 and 5 meters (yards) high was under construction to save the areas of the town of Kolontar not directly hit by last week's toxic flood.

“I would describe the situation as hopeful, but nothing has really changed,” Dobson told The Associated Press. “The wall to protect Kolontar is planned to be finished by tonight, but it will likely be several days before residents may be able to move back.”

Nearly all of Kolontar's 800 residents were evacuated Saturday, when Prime Minister Viktor Orban said the north wall of the massive storage pool — which is 24.7 acres in size — was “very likely” to collapse because cracks that had appeared at several points.

The roughly 6,000 residents of neighboring Devecser, just north of Kolontar, were told



Homes are deserted after the evacuation of the population of Kolontar, Hungary, Sunday, Oct. 10, 2010. Residents of Kolontar were evacuated Saturday, and the neighboring town of Devecser with a population of 5,300 is also in the likely path of a new sludge deluge.

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by police Saturday to pack a single bag and get ready to leave at a moment's notice.

“This hasn't changed,” Dobson said.

“We are still on guard in case of any more spills.”

Illes said that, since it would be impossible to transfer the 568 million gallons of red sludge still in the damaged reservoir

anywhere else, he had set a 2-month deadline for closing up the huge opening.

“The hole is 50 meters (yards) wide and 23 meters high,” Illes said.

“The job, including pouring enough concrete to raise three 10-story buildings, will have to be done from the air. This is unprecedented.” □

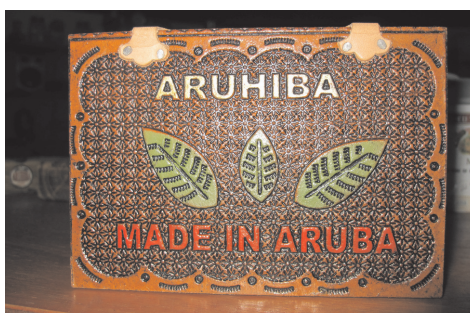
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## World-class line-up 4th Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival



ORANJESTAD - The fourth Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival took place on October 8 and 9, with a warm-up preceding the festival.

The great event was held at Cas di Cultura and has grown to full adulthood through the years.

World-class performers were attracted to the event and thus the 2010 edition was filled with the names of enormously talented artists.

Names like Issac Delgado, the salsa virtuoso Tizer featuring Karen Briggs, Marcus Miller, Swing Design, Red Fulka with Roel Calister wew the festival's headliners without contest, but Cosy Cotton with singer Grana Louise was one of the hottest attractions of the event as well.

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## St. Maarten, Curacao celebrate increased autonomy



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But like Aruba, which has had a similar autonomy arrangement since 1986, St. Maarten and Curacao will now have greater power of government and collect their own tax revenues. The two islands will share a central bank and supreme court.

Many details of the new governments for St. Maarten and Curacao have to be hammered out by elected officials in coming weeks.

The smaller islands of Saba, St. Eustatius and Bonaire will become Dutch municipalities because officials there felt they had been overlooked by the Antillean government and preferred that the Netherlands administer them directly.

In St. Maarten's capital of Philipsburg, Gov. Eugene Holiday said the challenges ahead were immense for the 16-square-mile (41-square-kilometer) nation, the southern third of an island shared with French-ruled St. Martin.

"We will have to build critical institutions for the functioning of the parliamentary democracy ... from the ground up," Holiday said of the Caribbean country of roughly 50,000 inhabitants. "We will have to improve our financial management and strengthen our judicial organizations."

Sarah Wescot-Williams, St. Maarten's first prime minister, told residents that political adjustments will not happen overnight. "We will have to get ourselves

accustomed to the new reality," she said.

"Yes, we are still part of the Dutch kingdom and, yes, we are bound by rules and agreements with kingdom partners, but the success of our fledging country starts with all of us," she said.

Some St. Maarten residents who showed up for the public celebration said they were confused about what the change in political status meant for their lives.

"I really don't understand it. Sufficient information was not given to the public for them to know what will happen," said Reangelo Martiena, an emergency-room nurse. Others voiced pride and hope. "I think it's very good that we are at this stage. The people have to stand up very strong and get together. It's a definite plus for the island," said salesman and calypso musician Bernardo Richardson.

Many people on Curacao, which is about 40 miles off Venezuela's coast, felt their government under the Netherlands Antilles federation contributed more than the other islands and never got a fair return.

Curacao Tourist Board Executive Director Hugo Clarinda said the island of 190,000 people will now have greater control to develop new hotels and port facilities. "With this historic change brings huge potential for growth in our tourism landscape to meet the demands of the North American market," he said □



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*New brand simplifies name, emphasises value creation and relationships*

# PricewaterhouseCoopers Introduces New Branding Initiative



ORANJESTAD – PricewaterhouseCoopers has refreshed its branding in order to strengthen, and modernise how it represents its worldwide network to its clients, its people and the communities in which it operates. The new branding includes a simplified logo consisting of the initials “pwc” in lower-case type. In practice, the initials “PwC” have been used interchangeably with “PricewaterhouseCoopers”

both within and outside the organization since its formation in 1998. This formal shortening of the brand name will provide consistency and ease of use for PwC firms around the world. “PricewaterhouseCoopers” remains the full name of the global organisation for legal purposes, and will be the name used by PwC firms to sign company audits.

The new logo was developed after consultation with PwC’s clients, partners and employees and is designed to be easier to use and better suited to digital and online use.

“Underlying the visual elements is what the PwC brand really stands for -- how we are viewed by our clients, our people and our stakeholders. Beyond our capabilities and

experience, we want PwC to be known for building great relationships with clients that help them create the value they’re looking for. This means that we consider our new brand more than just a change of name” said Cees Rokx, Territory Senior Partner of PwC Netherlands Antilles and Aruba.

The new brand went live on September 20, when PwC launched its redesigned websites in the 151 countries where PwC is active with more than 160,000 people.

**About PricewaterhouseCoopers**  
PricewaterhouseCoopers Netherlands Antilles and Aruba dates back 70 years and has developed into an organization of more than 160 people

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*Everyone is invited to meet them*

## Big Band Swing Design to present on the 11th of October at Renaissance Market Place

ORANJESTAD – This year Aruba will be honored with a visit from the famous Big Band Swing Design, during a Caribbean celebration here on the island.

Swing Design has been on the island since the 5th of October, to delight all music fans. Their special presentation will take place during the Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival, which will include performances by major bands in this genre of music.

Swing Design will also perform at several hotels and locations, giving everyone on the island the chance to experience and become familiar with their repertoire.

One of the places where they will perform will be in front of the crowds at Renaissance Market Place. Big Band Swing Design has been giving concerts for music lovers around the world for over 25 years, and their performances are enjoyed by many different types of crowds.

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Participants were creative and outrageous and spared no time and no effort at making sure their presentation was off-the-chart fantastic.

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motorcycles, right into the Caribbean Ballroom.

The cute members of Mexican rock/pop band Mana were represented by the executive committee, Glenn Farro, Gerard Coste, Raymond Habibe, surprising party-goers with their fabu presentation, including stage acrobatics by headliner Marciano Geerman and cool guitar licks by Bob Curtis as Carlos Santana.

The Play-Back show was organized by the Radisson's Employee Relations Committee proud to present a social event for all ages with delicious food, and a well stocked bar, DJ mixing and live music by the Sherries Band. □





# World-class line-up 4th Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival



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Cosy Cotton performed on Aruba for the third year now and we can tell you: it makes the hearts of local and visiting blues fans beat faster. This band is truly something else! But the Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival would not be complete without the considerable talent of local bands like Sazon Cubano, Mystical Connection, Soul Cowboy, the Muziekschool Band, TimbAche, Off Shore, Serghio Jansen, Ivan Jansen

and Data Panik, which are now getting international recognition.

Appart from the great music, the weekend was drenched in art in its widest sense of the word: paintings, installations, drawings, poetry, theater and mime belong to the list of performances were enjoyed. And to make matters even better, the festival was complete with terrific food court as well as vendors.

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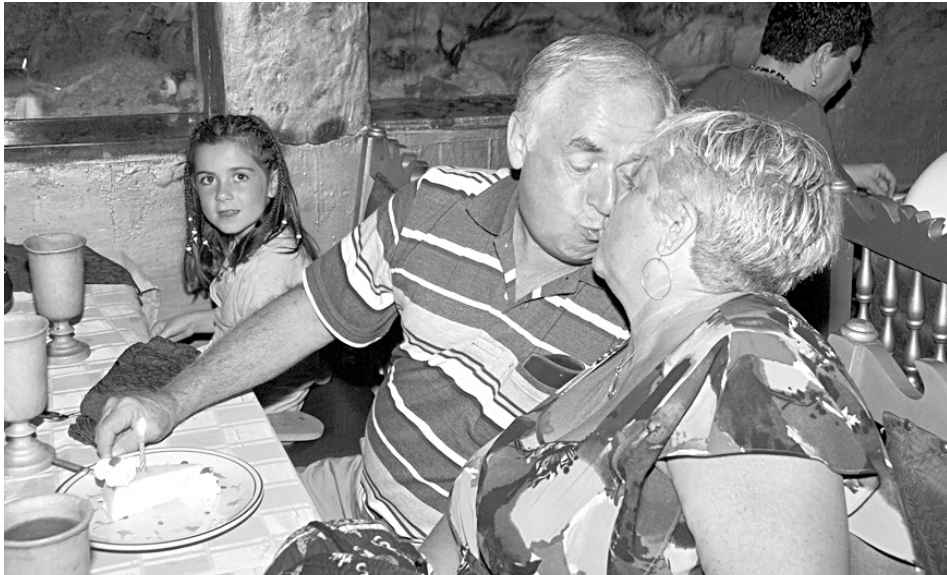


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*The Clough family loves Aruba*

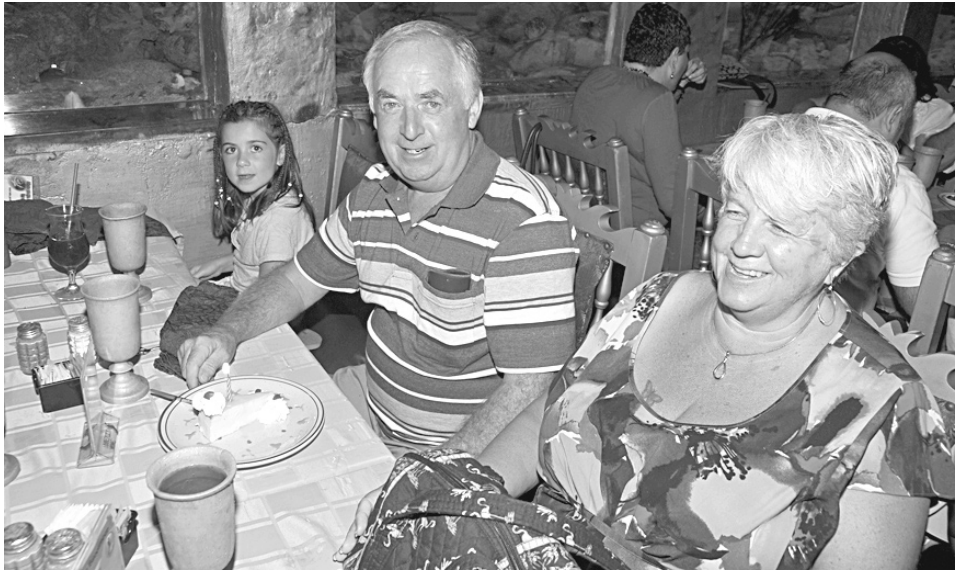
# A Happy return to paradise with festivities



NOORD- Billy and Barbara Clough from Massachusetts have returned to Aruba for another relaxing vacation in paradise. The weather was

not so wonderful due to the tropical storms but thanks to their grandkids and family they had a wonderful vacation. This year they invited their

son Craig, wife Holly and kids Nicholas, 9, and Delaney, 7, from New Hampshire. This is their second time in Aruba; they love the island pleasures



of relaxation and fun in the sun.

This year Grandpa Billy and Grandma Barbara celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on the island with family and friends from Casa Del Mar, their home away from home. Billy this year celebrated his 64<sup>th</sup> birthday at the Buccaneer. Barbara was so delighted as this was everyone's first time to the restaurant after eight years of returning to Aruba. "We never heard about this restaurant and OMG it is heaven on earth" stated Barbara and added "We can't wait to tell everyone about our delicious experience" The family enjoyed the Buccaneer atmosphere, especially the children who sat right next to the turtle tank full of other sea friends.

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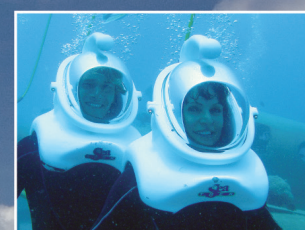
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Giants rally, stun Braves 3-2



Atlanta Braves second baseman Brooks Conrad drops a ball hit by Cody Ross as he nearly runs into right fielder Jason Heyward in the second inning against the San Francisco Giants in Game 3 of baseball's National League Division Series on Sunday, Oct. 10, 2010, in Atlanta.

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Tony Stewart celebrates after winning the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race at Auto Club Speedway in Fontana, Calif., Sunday, Oct. 10, 2010.

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## Johnson pads lead with third at Fontana

By JOHN MARSHALL

AP Sports Writer

FONTANA, Calif. – “Smoke” finally got his win in California. Jimmie Johnson could be ready to smoke the field again.

Tony Stewart pulled away from Johnson on a late restart Sunday to win at Auto Club Speedway for the first time in 19 tries, but it was the four-time defending Sprint Cup champion who walked away with a bigger points lead.

Johnson finished third after a late pass by Clint Bowyer and has a 36-point lead over Denny Hamlin with six Chase races left.

“Great day overall,” Johnson said. “We certainly wanted to be in Victory Lane, but if can finish in the top three week in and week out, you’re going to have a shot.

Stewart wouldn’t let him get to the checkers in California. Not after all the struggles he’s had there.

Stewart was well back in the Chase after running out of fuel while leading late at Loudon and struggling at Dover. He had a good showing last week at Kansas, finishing fourth, but still entered this weekend 10th in points, 127 behind Johnson.

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## Ohio State is No. 1 in AP Top 25

By RALPH D. RUSSO,  
AP College Football Writer

NEW YORK – Hit the reset button on the college football season.

There’s a new No. 1 team in Ohio State and uncertainty at the top of the rankings for the first time all season, after Alabama’s 19-game winning streak ended at South Carolina.

The Southeastern Conference, which has won the last four national championships, has some catching up to do in the 2010 title chase. The Buckeyes and No. 2 Oregon have a couple of BCS busters in No. 3 Boise State and No. 4 TCU on their tails. And for the first time in about a decade, Nebraska is a legitimate national championship contender.

The Buckeyes moved up one spot in The Associated Press poll after preseason No. 1 Alabama lost for the first time since the 2009 Sugar Bowl. The Crimson Tide fell 35-21 on Saturday.

Ohio State received 34 first-place votes and Oregon (15), Boise State (eight), TCU (one) and No. 6 Oklahoma (two) also got first-place votes from the media panel Sunday.

The Crimson Tide slipped to No. 8, LSU was No. 9 and South Carolina moved up nine spots to 10th after the program’s first victory against a top-ranked team.

The last time Ohio State was No. 1 was the final regular-season poll of 2007.

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Ohio State coach Jim Tressel sings “Carmen Ohio” after an NCAA college football game against Indiana Saturday, Oct. 9, 2010, in Columbus, Ohio. Ohio State beat Indiana 38-10 for Jim Tressel’s 100th victory at Ohio State.

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# Conrad's 3rd error gives Giants 3-2 win vs. Braves

By PAUL NEWBERRY

AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA — Brooks Conrad bobbled a grounder. Then he dropped a popup. Finally, a hard shot skidded under his glove in the ninth inning for his third error of the game, allowing the San Francisco Giants to rally for a 3-2 victory over the Atlanta Braves on Sunday.

The Braves were within one out of taking control of the NL division series, but a 30-year-old journeyman infielder who wouldn't have been playing if not for season-ending injuries to Chipper Jones and Martin Prado simply couldn't catch the ball.

Buster Posey's grounder went right under Conrad's glove, his worst miscue yet in a performance that might speed up the retirement of Braves manager Bobby Cox.

Freddy Sanchez raced around with the go-ahead run, and Brian Wilson shut down the Braves in the ninth to give the Giants a 2-1 lead in a tense best-of-five series in which all three games have been decided by one run.

San Francisco can close it out Monday night. For Conrad, the memories of this one will linger for a lifetime. He tied a postseason record for errors in a game and became the fourth second baseman to make three, according to STATS LLC.

"It was completely embarrassing," said Conrad, who has made eight errors in



San Francisco Giants' Freddy Sanchez, right, is congratulated by Nate Schierholtz after scoring the go-ahead run on a ball hit by Buster Posey and an error by Brooks Conrad in the ninth inning against the Atlanta Braves in Game 3 of baseball's National League Division Series on Sunday, Oct. 10, 2010, in Atlanta. The Giants won 3-2.

the last seven games going back to the regular season. "Once again, I feel like I let everyone down. I wish I could just dig a hole and sleep in it."

Atlanta did nothing against Jonathan Sanchez, managing only two hits in 7 1-3 innings, and the Giants led 1-0 on an unearned run provided by Conrad's second error, that dropped popup in short right field in the second.

But when pinch-hitter Eric Hinske lined a two-run homer off Sergio Romo in the eighth, the Braves took a 2-1 lead. Unfortunately for Atlanta, there was no Billy Wagner to close it out. He was removed from the roster before the game with a pulled muscle on his left side.

Rookie reliever Craig Kimbrel was within one out of a save before the Giants rallied. Aubrey Huff tied it with a run-scoring single off Mike Dunn. Then, Posey hit a grounder to just the right man.

It skidded right through Conrad and into center field. The wild finish overshadowed

Jonathan Sanchez's brilliant performance — he didn't allow a hit until the sixth — and Hinske's dramatic homer, which carried the Braves to within one strike of having a chance to close out the series at Turner Field.

The blunders by Conrad cost them.

He was one of the last guys to make the Braves roster out of spring training and spent his first full year in the majors. Conrad was primarily a backup, though he did provide one of the season's most dramatic moments with a pinch-hit grand slam that capped a seven-run ninth inning and a 10-9 victory over Cincinnati in May.

Then Jones hurt his knee, and an injury finished off Prado for the season, too. Down the stretch, the Braves were forced to go with Conrad at third base. His defense was so shaky that

Cox swapped him with Omar Infante before the crucial last game of the regular season with the Braves trying to wrap up the wild card, moving Conrad to second because he was having trouble making accurate throws from third.

His arm wasn't the problem in Game 3.

Now, the Braves will need to win the final two games to extend Cox's career to at least the NL championship series. One of baseball's winningest managers is retiring at the end of a season that is one loss from being over.

In the ninth, Kimbrel retired Cody Ross on a popout to Conrad — yep, he caught that one — but pinch-hitter Travis Ishikawa drew a walk. Andres Torres took a called third strike and it was all up to Freddy Sanchez with the standing-room crowd of 53,284 going nuts.

Sanchez was down to his last strike when he smacked a single to center, keeping the Giants alive. That was it for Kimbrel, who was replaced by Dunn, another rookie. The left-hander got ahead on Huff, but the first baseman yanked a slider over the outside corner into right field, the throw from Jason Heyward not even close to getting Ishikawa as he slid across with the tying run.

Peter Moylan took over for Dunn and got what he's known for: a ground ball from Posey. Unfortunately for the Braves, it was to Conrad.

"I thought he would make the play," Posey said. "I wouldn't wish that on anybody."

Sanchez and Atlanta starter Tim Hudson had quite a pitchers' duel. The lone run off Hudson came after Mike Fontenot led off the second with a triple to right. Heyward raced back to the wall and had the ball in his glove, but it popped out when he slammed hard into the padding.

Heyward fell face-first onto the warning track and was slow getting up. Cox and a trainer raced out to check on the rookie, who was able to stay in the game after a few minutes to catch his breath and sip a drink brought to him from the nearby Atlanta bullpen. □

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## Rays back to Trop alive after 5-2 win over Texas

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas – Evan Longoria is still limping. Now he's also hitting, and the Tampa Bay Rays are headed home, one victory from an improbable comeback.

Longoria snapped out of his postseason slump with a homer and two doubles, Carlos Pena scored twice with a pair of extra-base hits of his own and Tampa Bay escaped elimination again with a 5-2 victory Sunday over the Texas Rangers to force a deciding Game 5 in the AL division series.

"We've really battled to get back to even," Longoria said. "And I think we have a lot of confidence going home, and being able to finish the series in our home ballpark."

To do that they'll have to beat Cliff Lee who matched a postseason best with 10 strikeouts in a 5-1 series-opening victory. The Rays lost the two games at Tropicana Field before winning twice in Texas to push a division series to a fifth game for the first time since the Los Angeles Angels beat the New York Yankees in 2005.

"I still want to believe there is a home-field advantage and hopefully that's going to show up," manager Joe Maddon said. "The extra game at home, I have been talking about it all along."

If the Rays win they will join the 2001 Yankees as the only teams to lose the first two games at home and still win a five-game series.

The series winner hosts Game 1 of the AL championship series Friday night against Yankees. New York swept Minnesota in three games, clinching the other division series with a 6-1 win Saturday

night.

Texas is still the only current major league franchise that has never won a postseason series, and still has not won a playoff game in front of its home fans (0-6).

"It's down to one game, we've got Cliff going and certainly feel good about that," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "We have proved that we can win there."

Tampa Bay sends 19-game winner David Price to the mound Tuesday night in a rematch of the Game 1 starters.

"I like our chances with Dave on the mound again," Longoria said.

The Rays' resurgent offense helps, too.

Longoria, still limited by a left quad strain that forced him to miss the last 10 games of the regular season, was in an 0-for-12 slide before he and Pena had consecutive doubles starting the fourth against Tommy Hunter. Longoria added a two-run homer in the fifth for a 5-0 lead.

"I kind of felt like Kirk Gibson

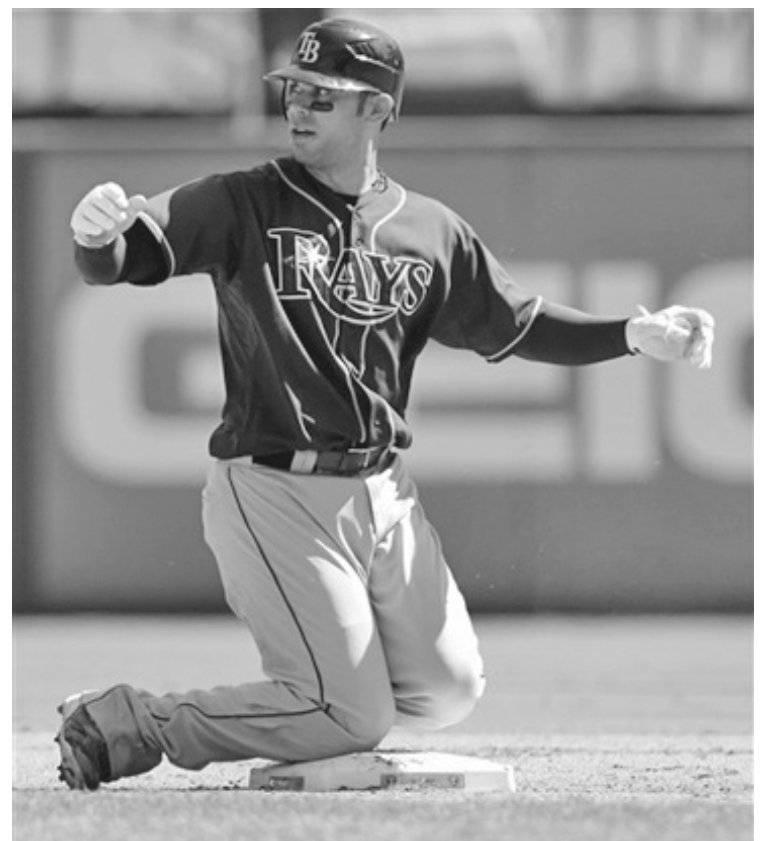
going around the bases," he said. "There are times when I have to try to push it. ... I know I hit the ball out of the ballpark, I'm not really going to run as fast as I can around the bases."

After hitting only .125 (8 for 64) with one run in the first two games, and going 16 innings without scoring in one stretch, the Rays were five outs from elimination before their bats finally came alive late in Game 3. And the positive trend carried over into Sunday, when they had 12 hits.

Tampa Bay has already gone from losing at least two in a row to winning at least three straight seven times this season. The Rays even pulled off that trick as part of a pivotal series against the Yankees just a few weeks ago.

Longoria's injury is obviously still bothering him when he runs the bases and on some plays at third base.

"He is under strict managerial orders to not run hard, although he can't anyway," Maddon said.



Tampa Bay Rays' Carlos Pena slides safely into second after driving in Evan Longoria for a run in the fourth inning at Game 4 of baseball's American League Division Series against the Texas Rangers on Sunday, Oct. 10, 2010, in Arlington, Texas.

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"The ball's in the gap — listen, the walking double, I'll take it every time. ... And, of course, the home run over the wall is a nice play."

the bases after his first homer this postseason. He set a major league rookie record with six two years ago when the Rays won the AL pennant and went to the World Series. □

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Jimmie Johnson drives during the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race, Sunday, Oct. 10, 2010, in Fontana, Calif. Johnson finished in third place.

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A so-so qualifying run Friday had him starting 22nd, but Stewart quickly worked his

*Associated Press* way to the front in a lead-swapping 400-mile race that served as the last fall date at Fontana. He was fifth by the race's midpoint, took the lead

with 51 laps left and snagged it back after briefly falling behind Juan Pablo Montoya.

In the lead again late, Stewart opted not to pit after an accident took out Chase driver Kurt Busch and pulled away from Johnson on the restart with two laps left. Bowyer passed Johnson, but was nowhere close to Stewart at the end, finally giving "Smoke" his win in California and improving his once-weak Chase chances.

"We doing everything we can," said Stewart, who moved up to fifth in the Chase, 107 points behind Johnson. "We're going to need some help, but we're doing everything we can do. I'm proud of these guys and just so thankful."

Bowyer had a solid day in his first race without suspended crew chief Shane Wilson.

Bowyer was elk hunting when NASCAR upheld his team's 150-point penalty and dropped Wilson's suspension from six to four races for failing inspection after the New Hampshire race. California marked the start of Wilson's suspension.

With Scott Miller calling the pit shots, Bowyer worked his way up from the 13th starting position and ended up leading four separate times for 40 laps. He dropped back late, but made another charge, passing Johnson on the last lap for second.

"I was really worried this was going to be a major struggle

being without my crew chief, but Scott Miller and everybody filled in well," said Bowyer, still 12th in the points, 247 points off the lead.

He wasn't the only Chase driver to rally.

Kevin Harvick moved up from a poor qualifying session to finish seventh and remain third in the Chase. Hamlin was eighth after starting at the back of the pack due to a new transmission. Jeff Gordon overcame a late speeding penalty on pit road to finish ninth and move up to fourth. It wasn't such a good day for several other Chase drivers.

Kyle Busch, Greg Biffle and Carl Edwards all had their chances dented by engine troubles, and Matt Kenseth finished a disappointing 30th. Kurt Busch also was knocked out by a late crash and finished 21st. None of the drivers are closer than 140 points after the disastrous results.

"That shows how fast things can change out there," Kurt Busch said.

Johnson had made his now-expected surge to the top of the Chase standings, using a win at Dover and a second last week at Kansas after a poor qualifying session to move past Hamlin.

This one has a little different feel, though, the aura of invincibility gone from the No. 48 after an atypical up-and-down season. Nine drivers were within 101 points after Kansas, making it one of the tightest races Johnson has faced during his Cup-after-Cup run.

Still, he had won four of his previous six starts at Fontana, including the past three fall races, and started a solid eighth Sunday while many of those chasing him had trouble in Friday's qualifying. □

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**AP TOP 25**

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That season ended with LSU beating the Buckeyes in the BCS championship game to become the first national title winner with two losses. That type of mayhem is a long way away, but the potential for BCS controversy is high, unlike last season, when Florida, Alabama and Texas moved into the top three spots in late September and didn't budge until the SEC title game.

"You take a look at the top 10 week to week and the precarious nature of any ranking is obvious — just review the change in the makeup of the Top 10 between the beginning of the season until now," Ohio State coach Jim Tressel said Sunday in a statement.

While Tressel's rigid remarks scored low for enthusiasm, the insight was on target.

Four teams that started the season ranked in the top 10 have fallen out, including Texas and Virginia Tech, which are gone all together. Florida is down to No. 22 after losing its second straight game. The Gators fell 33-29 to LSU and have their worst showing in the poll since they were unranked to end the 2004 season, Ron Zook's last as Florida coach.

Seven other teams that started the season ranked are gone from the AP Top 25 this week.

There are eight undefeated teams in the top 10 and five more lurking outside of it, starting with No. 11 Utah. Arkansas is No. 12 with unbeaten Michigan State at No. 13. Stanford and Iowa round out the top 15.

Florida State jumped seven spots to No. 16 with a 45-17 victory at Miami that knocked the Hurricanes out of the rankings. No. 17 Arizona is followed by Wisconsin, then comes three more unbeaten teams: No. 19 Nevada, No. 20 Oklahoma State and No. 21 Missouri.

Florida, No. 23 Air Force,

Oregon State and West Virginia complete the Top 25.

The most undefeated teams there could be at the end of this season is seven.

There are four unbeaten in the Big 12, but that will eventually sort itself out and leave no more than one. Oklahoma and Nebraska don't play in the regular season but could meet in the Big 12 title game.

Boise State and Nevada of the Western Athletic Conference meet Nov. 26 in Reno, Nev. Both will be favored in all their games between now and then. The Broncos aren't just looking to get into the BCS this season, they're a legitimate contender to reach the championship game from a non-automatic qualifying conference, and that would be a first.

Same goes for TCU. Maybe even Utah. But not both. The Mountain West Conference rivals play Nov. 6 in Salt Lake City. Auburn and LSU are the remaining unbeaten in the SEC. The two Tigers play Oct. 23 in Baton Rouge, La., and both still have to play Alabama and Arkansas just to get out of the SEC West.

"You would think they would probably lose at least or more," South Carolina coach Steve Spurrier said Sunday of the West leaders. "You would think, but who knows?"

If Auburn and LSU keep winning, the strength of the SEC could push them past the teams in front of them and into the thick of the national title mix. But it's just as likely the SEC will not produce an undefeated champion and be shut out of the BCS championship game for the first time since the 2005 season, when Texas and USC played for the title.

Of course, if there are no undefeated teams, you can bet an SEC team will be near the top of the pile of one-loss squads. That's what defending national champion Alabama is hoping for now. Oregon

is the only unbeaten Pac-10 team but running through that tough league unbeaten will be a serious challenge. The Ducks still have to play Oregon State, Arizona and USC.

From the Big Ten comes this possible wrinkle: Ohio State and Michigan State don't play each other this season. The Buckeyes play at Wisconsin next week and at Iowa on Nov. 20. Michigan State's toughest remaining test looks like a game at Iowa on Oct. 30. The first BCS standing of the season are due out next Sunday. It uses the coaches' poll, Harris poll and computer rankings to order the teams. The latest coaches' poll had the same top five as the AP, except Nebraska was No. 4 and TCU was No. 5.

Somehow the second half of the season needs to whittle this race down to two teams. Don't count on it being a tidy ending.



South Carolina's Alshon Jeffery (1) and Tori Gurley (81) celebrate Marcus Lattimore's touchdown during the first half of an NCAA college football game against Alabama, Saturday, Oct. 9, 2010, at Williams Brice Stadium in Columbia, S.C.

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# Horton leads Bruins to 3-0 victory over Coyotes



Tyler Seguin, right, of Boston Bruins shoots to score past Ilya Bryzgalov, left, of Phoenix Coyotes during the NHL hockey match in Prague, Czech Republic, Sunday, Oct. 10, 2010. Boston won the match 3-0.

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**KAREL JANICEK**

**Associated Press Writer**

PRAGUE (AP) — Newcomer Nathan Horton scored a second period goal and added an assist to help lift the Boston Bruins to a 3-0 victory over the Phoenix Coyotes on Sunday to split the teams' two-game, NHL season-opening series in the Czech capital.

Tim Thomas in the Bruins goal recorded a 29-save shutout in his first game of the season, replacing Tuukka Rask.

The 25-year-old Horton played just his second game for the Bruins after joined them from the Florida Panthers. He scored both goals for Boston in the 5-2 loss to the Coyotes in the season opener Saturday in Prague.

Phoenix and Boston were two of six NHL teams to open the season in Europe this year.

"Definitely, it's nice to get goals and to contribute, to

help the team win," Horton said.

"We had a little let down in the first game and tonight we bounced back and turned things around and we played quite well," he said.

He said he was happy with his move to Boston.

"Boston is hockey, it's sports. It's fun to be a Boston Bruin." "Everyday, it's getting better," he said about his line with winger Milan Lucic and center David Krejci.

Lucic broke the tie halfway through the second with a slap shot after gathering a Horton pass. Horton added the second on a quick wrist shot over goalie Ilya Bryzgalov's shoulder with 33 seconds left. Following Saturday's loss, the Bruins went on attack and bombarded Bryzgalov from the start.

"We came out strong," Bruins captain Zdeno Chara said. "We created lot of chances, we were putting a lot of pressure on them didn't give them much time to do anything and we got rewarded."

Boston outshot the opposition 37-29, including 15-8 in the first period but Bryzgalov held

on through the scoreless first until Lucic struck at 12:11 in the second.

Bruins coach Claude Julien looked satisfied with the performance.

"A much better play from the whole team, more aggressive," Julien said.

"We put pressure on them. Puck management was much much better and that made a big difference."

"If you looked at the team yesterday and you looked at it today, I think you saw two different teams."

"We hope to see the team that played the second game more than the team that played the first one."

Julien said to return home from the European trip pointless would be a disappointment for him.

"We came here with a purpose in mind, and although we enjoyed the experience that was given to us, we also felt these games very important to us," he said.

The 18-year-old center Tyler Seguin sealed the victory with a breakaway goal at 9:14 in the third in his second NHL game. □



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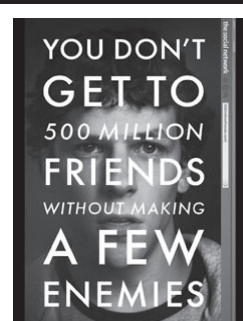
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# Oscar Freire wins Paris-Tours in bunched sprint

TOURS, France (AP) — Three-time world champion Oscar Freire of Spain won the Paris-Tours classic in a bunched sprint finish on Sunday.

Freire made his move at the end of the 144.5 mile - route from La Loupe to Tours, overtaking Angelo Furlan of Italy at the line. Gerg Steegmans of Belgium was third.

"I thought I had a good chance today because the conditions were OK," the Rabobank rider Freire said. "I tried to stay near the front because there were a lot of attacks. In the end we controlled the race."

Freire's win was a morale boost after the 34-year-old cyclist finished a disappointing sixth at the world championship road race in Geelong, Australia a week ago.

"I was in good condition for the worlds, but we did a really bad race because we were at the back just at an important moment," said Freire, who won in four hours, 52 minutes and 54 seconds. "Today was another chance."

Freire won his third Milan-San Remo classic in March.

After French rider Stephane Bonsergent had crashed with about 12.4 miles to go, another French rider Geoffroy Lequatre launched a solo attack and forged ahead.

With seven kilometers to go on a winding, sinewy finish with few long stretches to pick up speed, Lequatre had opened up a lead of 24 seconds on the chasing pack.

Only Italian rider Matteo Tosatto tried to follow him but he was soon caught up, while Lequatre was overtaken some 400 meters from the line.

Lequatre's best career performance is a stage win at the Tour of Britain in 2008 — where he briefly wore the race leader's yellow jersey. □



Rabobank team member, Spain's Oscar Freire, left, Radioshack team member, Belgian Gert Steegmans, center, and Lampre-Franese team member, Angelo Furlan, right, sprint to the finish line of the 104th Paris-Tours cycling classic of 145 miles in Tours, France, Sunday Oct. 10, 2010.

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# Nadal targets eighth title of season in Shanghai

JUSTIN BERGMAN

Associated Press Writer

SHANGHAI, China (AP) — Rafael Nadal will seek to win an eighth title in a stellar year at the Shanghai Masters this week, but he may have to get past the man he defeated in the U.S. Open final to do so, the in-form Novak Djokovic. Both players are coming off strong performances this past week, with Nadal capturing the Japan Open title and Djokovic advancing to the final of the China Open. That tournament will be decided Monday after play was stopped by rain Sunday, with Djokovic leading David Ferrer 3-1 in the first set.

Nadal and Djokovic head a quality field at the \$3.24 million Shanghai tournament that includes the top 20 players in the world, among them Roger Federer, returning from a four-week break after losing to Djokovic in the semifinals of the U.S. Open, Andy Murray, Robin Soderling, Andy Roddick, and defending champion Nikolay Davydenko.

The sole notable player missing is Juan Martin del Potro, who has struggled in his comeback from wrist surgery, losing first-round matches in Bangkok and Tokyo the past two weeks.

Del Potro said Thursday he is likely to sit out the remainder of the season to deal with “physical problems” not related to his wrist.

In first-round action Sunday, Alexandr Dolgoplov of Ukraine rallied after dropping the first set and falling behind 4-1 in the deciding set to upset 16th-seeded Nicolas Almagro from Spain 2-6, 7-5, 7-6 (3), while Tommy Robredo ousted his fellow Spaniard, Albert Montanes, 6-3, 7-6 (4). Meanwhile, the only question for Nadal and Djokovic is whether their busy late-season schedules will leave them fatigued for Shanghai, the largest and most lucrative tournament on the Asian hard-court swing.

The 24-year-old Nadal took just two weeks off after the U.S. Open — where he became only the seventh player to complete a career



Spain's Rafael Nadal reacts after winning the men's singles final against Gael Monfils of France at the Japan Open Tennis Championships in Tokyo, Sunday, Oct. 10, 2010. Nadal won the match 6-1, 7-5.

Grand Slam — and then fell in the semifinals of a tournament in Thailand to 57th ranked Guillermo Garcia-Lopez. It was the first time in three years Nadal had lost to an opponent ranked outside the Top 50.

This will be the third straight week of competition for Nadal, who also captured the French Open, Wimbledon and three

other Masters titles earlier this year.

Djokovic, too, has logged a lot of court time since upsetting Federer at the U.S. Open and rising to No. 2 in the rankings.

Before traveling to Beijing, the 23-year-old helped lead Serbia to a dramatic victory over the Czech Republic in the

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semifinals of the Davis Cup to set up a final showdown with France in December.

Both players will be tested early in Shanghai, with Nadal facing a possible second-round match-up with Switzerland's Stanislas Wawrinka, a surprise quarterfinalist at the U.S. Open, and Djokovic eyeing a potential third-round

encounter with France's Gael Monfils, who lost to Nadal in the final of the Japan Open on Sunday. Perhaps the freshest player coming into Shanghai is Federer, who said Thursday in Hong Kong that he'd taken time off after the U.S. Open to work on his conditioning.

“Obviously (Nadal's) a stronger player today than a few years ago but the same counts for me,” Federer said. “Even though the ranking has slipped maybe a little bit, I've only had time to improve as well and become physically stronger, mentally stronger.” The 16-time Grand Slam champion could meet American John Isner — a semifinalist in Beijing last week — in the second round and Djokovic in the semifinals.

Davydenko will also be hoping to see a return to the form that swept him to victory over Nadal in the Shanghai final last year.

“For sure, I played very good last year,” Davydenko said.

The Russian added that he has the confidence to do well again this year, saying if he wins the “first couple of matches, maybe it can be possible to win the tournament.” □

## Serena Williams says her season could be finished

LINZ, Austria (AP) — Serena Williams might miss the rest of the 2010 season because her injured right foot hasn't healed properly.

“I am likely out for the year now,” Williams said Sunday in a posting on her official website.

Williams said she “re-strained” her foot by overtraining.

“In order not to make this worse, I have to chill on my physical workouts but I will immediately begin rehabbing as soon as I get the Doc's OK. Keep me in your prayers (I need them),” the posting said. Williams' agent, Jill Smoller, confirmed the posting was from the 13-time Grand Slam champion and said she will be re-evaluated in the coming days.

If Williams is sidelined for the remainder of the season, it would be a blow to the

WTA Championships later this month, as well as for the United States when it plays Italy in the Fed Cup final next month in San Diego.

Last week, Williams' older sister Venus said she will miss the rest of the 2010 season because of an injured left knee. Both Williams siblings had said in August they would make themselves available for the U.S. Fed Cup team in the final.

Serena Williams pulled out of the Generali Ladies Linz tournament that begins Monday, saying she felt pain while training in Florida on Saturday, and a scan showed her injury hadn't healed properly.

She has been sidelined since July after cutting her foot on broken glass at a restaurant, shortly after winning Wimbledon. She had surgery that month.

She returned to practice in September but already put off her comeback by withdrawing from the Pan Pacific Open in Tokyo and the China Open in Beijing. The reigning Australian Open and Wimbledon champion played only six tournaments this year and will lose her No. 1 ranking to Denmark's Caroline Wozniacki when the WTA releases the new list Monday.

“I have been training for many weeks to get back to playing tennis as quickly possible since my foot surgery in mid-July,” Serena Williams said Sunday on her website. “Yesterday I learned that I had tried too hard, and did too much too soon. After practicing yesterday morning I felt discomfort in my foot and tests by my doctor revealed that I had unfortunately re-strained it.” □





# Microsoft pinning mobile hopes on new operating system

by Charlotte Raab

NEW YORK — Microsoft unveils a new mobile phone operating system on Monday in what is being seen as a potentially make-or-break effort by the US software giant to remain a player in the hotly competitive niche.

Microsoft chief executive Steve Ballmer is to take the wraps off a new line of smartphones powered by Windows Phone 7 (WP7) at an event in New York and the devices are expected to hit stores around the world in the next few weeks.

Though mobile makes up only one percent of Microsoft's revenue, Morgan Stanley analyst Adam Holt said WP7 is a "pivotal release" for the Redmond, Washington-based company.

"This is an 11 on a scale of one to 10," agreed Ramon Llamas of technology research firm IDC. "They've been slow to come to market, and when they do, they use yesterday's technology. There's some

catching up to do."

Ballmer is confident WP7 will help Microsoft claw back market share lost to Apple's iPhone, Research in Motion's Blackberry and devices powered by Google's Android mobile platform.

"I think our products will stand out compared to any others," Ballmer told a business conference in Madrid. "We would not be launching the product if we did not feel good about its chances to do well." Analysts are cautiously optimistic about Microsoft's future in a smartphone market which Morgan Stanley estimates is seeing annual growth of 38 percent.

"While WP7 is debuting in the midst of intense competition, Microsoft seems to have developed a viable next generation mobile platform which may help the company gain credibility in mobile," Morgan Stanley's Holt said.

WP7 is Microsoft's first significant update to its mobile operating system in 18 months

and its release comes on the heels of the disastrous launch of a "Kin" line of mobile phones.

"The Kin was an abject failure," said IDC's Llamas of the devices aimed at the youth market which were pulled from stores after just two months.

According to technology research firm Gartner, Microsoft's share of the worldwide mobile operating system market will fall to 4.7 percent this year from 8.7 percent last year. It is expected to rise to 5.2 percent by 2011 but decline to 3.9 percent in 2014.

Among the handset makers expected to launch WP7-powered devices in the United States and Europe are South Korea's Samsung and LG Electronics and Taiwan's HTC. Nicolas Petit of Microsoft France said WP7 features a number of innovations which will help make the company a player again.

"In 2010, an operating system



Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer is pictured during the 'Windows Phone 7' presentation at the Mobile World Congress in Barcelona, earlier this year. The new mobile phone operating system is to be unveiled on Monday in what is being seen as a potentially make-or-break effort by the US software giant to remain a player in the hotly competitive niche.

## Google Is Testing Cars That Drive Themselves

Samuel Axon

Google announced Saturday that it has developed cars that drive themselves automatically in traffic, and that it has been testing them on the streets of California for months. It might seem like an unusual project for Google, but it could actually have big benefits.

We're not just talking about cars running Google Android. This is the stuff of science fiction. The only accident that has occurred so far: One of the cars was rear-ended by a driver at a stop light. Human error!

The vehicles have been tested on 140,000 miles of California road, from Silicon Valley to Santa Monica. Each car is manned during the tests. One person sits in the driver's seat, ready to take control of the vehicle instantly by grabbing the wheel or touch the brake should something go wrong with the system. The person in the passenger's seat is an engineer who monitors the software operations on a computer.

Google hired engineers who previously participated in competitions and races involving automated cars — important turning points in the development of the technology, which has been coming into its own since around 2005 according to The New York Times.

If your first concern is one of safety, Google

would argue that you're going about it all wrong. Safety is one of the the project's purposes. Google believes that the technology could nearly half the number of automobile-related deaths because computers are supposedly better at driving than humans in the right circumstances.

There are other hypothetical pluses, too. The vehicles' instant reaction time and 360-degree awareness would allow them to drive closer together on the highway than humans can, reducing traffic congestion. They could be more careful when operating the gas, reducing fuel consumption.

But the biggest benefit for Google would be the hour or so of daily commute time the car owner would save. Instead of driving, he or she could either be productive or entertained in the vehicle, doing work on a wireless Internet connection or watching television. Google doesn't say it explicitly, but TechCrunch was quick to note that this time could be spent using Google products and absorbing Google-run advertising. The most optimistic projections put this technology at least eight years away from market, though. Legal hassles are among the myriad problems; all of the current traffic laws assume that a human driver is present in the vehicle. □

needs to decompartmentalize and allow content to circulate more easily," Petit said, comparing other platforms to "a long hallway with doors to a lot of rooms that don't join up with each other."

Smartphones powered by WP7 will run email from various services, not just Microsoft's Hotmail, integrate calendars, contacts and social networks and allow for documents to be viewed, edited and shared using Microsoft Office.

WP7, which represents a shift for Microsoft from

the enterprise market to the consumer, will also allow users to tap into Microsoft's Zune music player ecosystem and to access mobile versions of Xbox 360 games.

If WP7 proves to be a hit, Microsoft will once again manage to overcome the skeptics. Since its launch in June of last year, Microsoft's new Internet search engine, Bing, has steadily gained market share and its Windows 7 computer operating system has been a commercial and technical success. □





# Solomon Burke dies at Amsterdam airport at 70



**Grammy-winning singer/songwriter Solomon Burke attends "An Evening with Jerry Lee Lewis" at the Grammy Museum in Los Angeles September 28, 2010. Lewis celebrates his 75th birthday on Wednesday and is promoting his new album "Mean Old Man"**

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**AMSTERDAM** — Solomon Burke, the larger-than-life "King of Rock and Soul" who was revered as one of music's greatest vocalists but never reached the level of fame of those he influenced, died early Sunday at Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport. He was 70. Born to the sound of music in an upstairs room of a Philadelphia church, Burke was acknowledged as one of the greatest soul singers of the 1960s, but his popularity

never matched that of contemporaries like James Brown or Marvin Gaye.

Two of Burke's best-known songs reached a wider audience when they were featured in hit movies.

He wrote "Everybody Needs Somebody to Love" in 1964 and it was later featured in the Dan Aykroyd and John Belushi movie "The Blues Brothers." The Rolling Stones and Wilson Pickett also recorded it.

A bare-chested Patrick Swayze danced seductively with Jennifer Grey to Burke's "Cry To Me" in one of the

most memorable scenes from the movie "Dirty Dancing." Legendary Atlantic Records producer Jerry Wexler once called Burke, "the best soul singer of all time."

Anti-Records President Andy Kaulkin, whose label produced Burke's comeback record, "Don't Give Up On Me," which won him his first and only Grammy, said, "Popular music today wouldn't be where it is without Solomon Burke."

Kaulkin called Burke a precursor to singers like Isaac Hayes and Barry White.

"I feel like his music is where it all came together, and when we think of '60s soul music it all started with Solomon Burke."

Burke, a giant man with a powerful soulful voice to match, appeared on stage on a throne in later years partly because of his regal persona and partly because of health problems. He joined Atlantic in 1960 and went on to record a string of hits in a decade with the label.

Kaulkin said Burke "gracefully" accepted the fact that his fame was eclipsed by singers he influenced.

"I think there was a little bit

of frustration there but I don't think it ruled him at all," Kaulkin said.

Burke's family said on his website the singer died of natural causes, but did not elaborate.

"This is a time of great sorrow for our entire family. We truly appreciate all of the support and well wishes from his friends and fans," the statement said.

"Although our hearts and lives will never be the same, his love, life and music will continue to live within us forever," it added.

According to his website, Burke was born March 21, 1940, "to the sounds of horns and bass drums" at the United Praying Band The House of God for All People in West Philly.

"From day one, literally God and gospel were the driving forces behind the man and his music," his website said.

He remained closely linked to the church as a preacher. In 2000, he played for then-Pope John Paul II at the Vatican.

Schiphol Airport police spokesman Robert van Kapel confirmed that Burke died on a plane at Schiphol. He arrived early Sunday on a flight from

Los Angeles and had been scheduled to perform a sellout show on Tuesday in a church converted into a concert hall in Amsterdam with local band De Dijk.

Burke was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2001 and won a Best Contemporary Blues Album Grammy a year later for "Don't Give Up On Me."

Those honors sparked a renewed interest in the singer and he toured extensively around the world in recent years, including touring with The Rolling Stones.

Burke and his band would play without set lists, instead performing whatever the audience wanted to hear.

"It's like turning back the hands of time instantly," he said on his website. "We can be in the middle of singing something from my recent 'Like A Fire' album, and they'll call out 'Stupidity' from 1957 and we're back 50 years!"

Burke combined his singing with the role of preacher and patriarch of a huge family of 21 children, 90 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren.

"Loving people," he said at a recent performance in London, "is what I do." □

## John Lennon's 70th celebrated in NY's Central Park

**By VERENA DOBNIK,**  
Associated Press Writer

**NEW YORK** — A crush of fans circled a flower-graced mosaic in Central Park's Strawberry Fields and sang lyrics from "Imagine" on Saturday to honor Beatles legend John Lennon on his 70th birthday. On the day when the Liverpool Lad would have become a septuagenarian, thousands of fans from around the world gathered to remember the floppy-haired British superstar who just wanted to give peace a chance.

"His music speaks to people of any nation, any age, and that's why I think so many young people now who never would have known him still find him so appealing," said Karen Kriendler Nelson, 69, who lives nearby and often visits the mosaic that spells out Lennon's song "Imagine." She and her Maltese dog,

Pino, joined a group of fans who sang the lines, "Imagine there's no countries/ It isn't hard to do/ Nothing to kill or die for/ And no religion too/ Imagine all the people/ Living life in peace ..."

Joan Acarin and his wife, Laia, visited the memorial from Spain.

"The values Lennon defended are still alive," said Joan Acarin, a 41-year-old attorney from Barcelona. "It's the idea that we do not have to fight wars."

Fans began arriving on Friday, spilling onto the sidewalk of Central Park West, where Lennon and wife Yoko Ono lived in the famed Dakota building for nine years. He was shot to death by a deranged gunman as he came home on the evening of Dec. 8, 1980.

Police erected barricades to contain the crowd alongside passing traffic.

This year, the memorial to the slain ex-Beatle and peace activist includes a mosaic donated by the city of Naples, Italy. A plaque lists 121 countries that endorse Strawberry Fields as a Garden of Peace.

The 2.5-acre site was created by Ono and named after the Lennon song, which also observes that "living is easy with eyes closed, misunderstanding all you see."

The birthday celebration got started early Friday in his native England, where Google UK released a 32-second video "doodle" with an "Imagine" soundtrack. The interactive electronic art generates a butterfly and a flower — reflecting Lennon's devotion to world peace.

In Liverpool, Lennon's first wife, Cynthia and, their son, Julian, unveiled a sculpture to



**A person lays a drawing of John Lennon on the Imagine mosaic in Strawberry Fields in Central Park to celebrate Lennon's birthday in New York, October 9, 2010. Beatles lead singer John Lennon, who was shot and killed outside his residence at the nearby Dakota building on December 8, 1980, would have turned 70 years old on October 9, 2010.**

celebrate his life.

Hundreds of people gathered at the city center's Chavasse Park to watch the pair cut a ribbon to reveal the statue, called "Peace and Harmony." The sculpture, which features a colorful globe with doves flying above it, was designed by 19-year-old American artist

Lauren Voiers.

The two held hands and joined the crowd in singing John Lennon's "Give Peace a Chance." "I think the mourning is over for John. I think it's time to celebrate," said Cynthia, 71. "Think about his life that was positive and good and just enjoy that." □





A model poses in front of a Daihatsu vehicle at an auto show in Frankfurt, Germany. Daihatsu Motor, a subsidiary of Japan's Toyota Motor, said Thursday it would recall almost 900,000 mini-vehicles in Japan due to defective door mirrors.

## Toyota to roll out 2 new cars under Prius name

By DAN STRUMPF,  
AP Auto Writer

NEW YORK — Toyota plans to roll out two new cars under the Prius name by next year, according to a dealer briefed on the plans, as the automaker seeks to turn its popular hybrid into a family of vehicles. The Japanese automaker will begin selling a Prius station wagon starting next summer as either a 2011 or 2012 model, said Adam Lee, president of the Lee Auto Malls chain of dealerships in Maine. It will sell a plug-in version of the Prius that can get 30 miles on a charge starting later in the year, he said.

Toyota unveiled the new vehicles at its annual dealer meeting in Los Vegas this week. Lee was briefed on the new models by the manager of his Toyota dealership, who was in attendance.

Toyota spokesman Sam Butto declined to comment on any specific product plans, "We will be coming out with some additional Prius products, but that's really all I can say at this time," Butto said.

Toyota has said in the past it hopes to expand the Prius

name to a family of vehicles. The Prius is the best-selling hybrid in the U.S., but sales have been flat this year as the automaker continues to suffer from the fallout from huge recalls.

The automaker has recalled more than 10 million cars and trucks worldwide over the last year for a variety of problems, including a problem with the antilock braking system in its Prius hybrid and a Lexus hybrid. □

## White House doubts need to halt all foreclosures

By ALAN FRAM,  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — A top White House adviser questioned the need Sunday for a blanket stoppage of all home foreclosures, even as pressure grows on the Obama administration to do something about mounting evidence that banks have used inaccurate documents to evict homeowners.

"It is a serious problem," said David Axelrod, who contended that the flawed paperwork is hurting the nation's housing market as well as lending institutions. But he added, "I'm not sure about a national moratorium because there are in fact valid foreclosures that probably should go forward" because their documents are accurate.

Axelrod said the administration is pressing lenders to accelerate their reviews of foreclosures to determine which ones have flawed documentation.

"Our hope is this moves rapidly and that this gets unwound very, very quickly," he said.

With the reeling economy already the top issue on voters'

minds, the doubts raised over foreclosures and evictions are becoming a political issue with the approach of Nov. 2 elections.

Underscoring those pressures, two leading lawmakers took opposing stances on the wisdom of a moratorium.

Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz, D-Fla., a top House Democrat, said she backed a foreclosure moratorium and government talks with the banking industry to concoct ways to let lenders reshape troubled mortgages. She said the foreclosure problem has been "extremely vexing" in her state.

The No. 2 House Republican, Rep. Eric Cantor of Virginia, said a national moratorium would remove the protections that lenders need.

"You're going to shut down the housing industry" with a national stoppage, Cantor said. "People have to take responsibility for themselves."

In recent days, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., in a tough re-election race, urged five large mortgage lenders to suspend



In this photo provided by CBS, White House Senior Advisor David Axelrod talks about the upcoming midterm elections on 'Face The Nation' in Washington Sunday, Oct. 10, 2010. Axelrod said corporate interests are spending huge sums to help Republicans in the elections, calling those expenditures 'a threat to our democracy.'

(AP Photo)

foreclosures in his state until they establish ways to make sure homeowners don't lose their homes improperly. Attorney General Eric Holder said that the government is looking into the matter, and Democratic lawmakers urged bank regulators and the Justice Department to probe whether mortgage companies violated laws in handling foreclosures. □

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## Taking Blood Pressure Drugs at Bedtime May Boost Effectiveness

By Julia Vantine

Taking blood-pressure pills at night, rather than in the morning, may better control hypertension and significantly reduce the risk of heart attack and stroke, new research suggests.

The results of the five-year study add to the growing evidence that tailoring the timing and dosage of medications to the body's biological rhythms may help drugs work better and with fewer side effects, the researchers said.

The research also highlighted the importance of sleep-time blood pressure, the most sensitive predictor of a person's risk of death from cardiovascular disease over a five-year period.

In healthy people, blood pressure dips at night, by 10 percent to 20 percent. "Nondippers," whose blood pressure doesn't fall as it should at night, are more vulnerable to cardiovascular events such as heart attack and stroke, the researchers said.

"This study confirms sleep-time blood pressure as the most relevant predictor of cardiovascular risk," said lead researcher Ramon C. Hermida, director of the bioengineering and chronobiology laboratories at the University of Vigo, Spain.

"Sleep-time blood pressure is best reduced when medication is taken at bedtime," Hermida said. "Thus, this effect of the proper timing for dosing seems to be directly related to the documented reduction in cardiovascular events."

For the study, published recently in the journal *Chronobiology International*, Hermida and his team randomly assigned 2,156 men and women with high blood pressure (average age 56) to one of two treatment groups. One group took one or more of their blood-pressure

medications at bedtime. The other group took all their pills either upon awakening or with breakfast, the recommendation most physicians give their patients.

The researchers monitored the volunteers' blood pressure at 20- and 30-minute intervals, depending on time of day, for 48 hours at the beginning of the study and at least once a year for its duration.

Unlike the standard blood-pressure reading taken in a doctor's office, this round-the-clock tracking -- called ambulatory blood-pressure monitoring (ABPM) -- gives a clearer picture of a person's blood pressure both during the day and the important sleep-time period.

After more than five years of follow-up, those who took at least one of their blood-pressure pills at night seemed to reap significant benefits. Sixty-two percent had controlled blood pressure over the 24-hour period, compared to 53 percent of those who took all their pills in the morning. Moreover, only 34 percent of this group were "nondippers," vs. 62 percent of the morning-medications group, the study authors said.

Those who routinely took at least one of their blood-pressure medicines at night experienced only one-third of the cardiovascular events -- including angina, stroke and heart attack -- suffered by those who swallowed all their blood-pressure pills in the morning, the study found.

"The results of the study indicate that the way we diagnose and treat hypertension needs to be completely reevaluated," said Michael Smolensky, co-author of an accompanying journal article and an adjunct professor in the department of biomedical engineering at the University of Texas at Austin. One reason blood-pressure medications are more effective

when taken before bed: They prevent the release of chemicals synthesized during the sleep span that raise blood pressure to abnormal levels, said Smolensky, the journal's editor. Synchronizing blood-pressure medications to the circadian body clock "optimizes the medications' therapeutic benefit and sometimes lessens their unwanted side effects," he said. This is not the first study to show the benefits of night-

time dosing of blood-pressure medications, Smolensky said. "However, it is the first in which ABPM was done very frequently and also included a morning treatment comparison group to properly evaluate the merits of the bedtime dosing strategy."

People most likely to benefit from taking their pills at night include those whose high blood pressure occurs secondary to another condition, such as metabolic syndrome, type

2 diabetes, sleep apnea or other sleep disorders, heart failure or kidney disease, said Smolensky.

"They are most likely to be nondippers," he said.

However, those who now take their pills in the morning should not begin taking them at night without their doctor's knowledge, said Hermida. "There is a risk for nocturnal hypotension [abnormally low blood pressure] which could increase the risk of stroke."

## 3 or More X-Rays May Raise Leukemia Risk Among Kids: Study

By Randy Dotinga

Researchers report that exposure to three or more X-rays in childhood may double the odds that a child will develop a form of leukemia, although the overall risk remains small.

The study authors aren't calling for an end to childhood X-rays, which can be crucial to the treatment of conditions such as pneumonia and broken bones. And the study doesn't definitively prove that the X-rays directly boost the risk of leukemia.

However, the researchers are recommending that doctors not order X-rays when they aren't necessary and that they take special precautions regarding CT scans, which deliver much more potentially dangerous radiation to the body. Study co-author and epidemiologist Patricia Buffler called the findings a "very serious alert."

"Eliminating or reducing any unnecessary exposure [to radiation] is important," said Buffler, a professor at the University of California, Berkeley's School of Public Health, although she acknowledged that "some exposures are very important for making accurate diagnoses."

Leukemia, a form of cancer that strikes the bone marrow and blood, sickens about 3,317 children from birth to age 14 in the United States each year, according to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. One type, acute lymphoid leukemia, is the most common type of cancer among kids aged 1 to 7 years.

Doctors can usually treat this leukemia successfully, but it has the potential to be deadly.

In the new study, the researchers looked at the medical records of 711 children up to the age of 14 who were diagnosed with acute lymphoid leukemia in California from 1995-

2008. Researchers compared them to similar kids who didn't have leukemia.

The findings were published in the Oct. 1 online edition of the *International Journal of Epidemiology*.

The researchers excluded the X-rays in the year prior to diagnosis and before birth. They found that kids were 1.85 times more likely to develop that type of leukemia if they had had three or more X-rays. In a separate part of the study, the researchers looked at kids with acute myeloid leukemia, but found no link between that type of leukemia and exposure to X-rays.

In the big picture, the increased risk doesn't greatly increase the risk of leukemia in children overall. In general, about four out of every 100,000 kids develop the specific kind of leukemia in question, study co-author Buffler said, and if the risk doubled the number would go to eight.

The results are surprising in light of previous assumptions about the safety of X-rays. "We're talking about fairly routine diagnostic X-rays," Buffler said.

Why might X-rays be so risky? Research suggests that the kind of radiation found in X-rays can cause cells in the body to mutate and create cancer, Buffler explained. And CT scans, which have grown in popularity in recent years, create more radiation than traditional X-rays, she noted. Future studies will look into the effects of CT scans on leukemia rates, she added.

The findings make sense to Dr. Anna Meadows, an oncologist at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and a professor of pediatrics at the University of Pennsylvania.

"The bottom line is that any kind of radiation X-ray can increase the risk of cancer. There is a risk here, but the risk is small," she said. □



# America moves on from spill; coast feels abandoned

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – About 800 miles from the Gulf of Mexico, Dave Edmonds is struggling to remind people about the BP oil spill.

There aren't many magazine covers with photos of oil-drenched birds now that BP has capped its massive gusher at the bottom of the sea. People aren't looking online for information about the historic spill like they were a few weeks ago.

So Edmonds, who lives on the Delaware coast, has started a nonprofit organization to keep the disaster on people's minds with a website and social networking campaign.

"Awareness has dropped. People don't really care about the people who were affected. They don't care about the fish life," said Edmonds, founder of Taking Back the Gulf.

For Gulf residents fighting for economic survival, a nation's short attention span is deeply unsettling, especially with oil still washing ashore. Yet it's unclear whether Americans are turning their attention elsewhere, or whether it's just the media that have.

Either way, people like Chef Chris Sherrill feel abandoned. "It's amazing how quickly the American public forgot that this was one of the worst manmade disasters in U.S. history," he said. His wedding catering and event business in Gulf Shores, Ala., is teetering because few brides are still coming to the beach for weddings.

The slight isn't necessarily intentional. Walking with his girlfriend in a park in Des Moines, Iowa, Michael Gauthier said he wonders about the oil's lingering impact on the environment, and he fears for Gulf residents.

"It's not in your face every day so you forget about it. Who doesn't have bills to pay and work to go to? Who has time to think about what's going on in Louisiana?" said Gauthier, 26.

What's going on is the continued arrival of oil

washing ashore, although in lesser amounts than during the summer. Dire predictions of environmental Armageddon have yet to materialize, but there's also no consensus on how badly the ecosystem has suffered.

At first, no one could agree on how much oil was spilling into the Gulf; now there's disagreement over how much remains. A commission this week faulted Barack Obama's administration for multiple missteps, including an effort to block scientists from telling the public how bad the spill could be early on.

"If someone could say it will affect this, our shrimp are going to be poisoned for 10 years, people would think this is a bigger deal maybe," said Scott Peterson, 37, also of Des Moines.

Peterson's sentiment was echoed by Kathy Yoder, whose family works a farm in Washington, Maine. She said people may be dismissing the spill because the impacts don't seem as devastating as first predicted.

"What irritates me is people act like it's all gone because it's not floating on top of the water," she said. "I'm like, 'Hello, there's plenty of oil under the surface.'"

Recent research also raises the question of whether the spill is being overlooked outside the Gulf region, or if information on recent developments is just harder to come by. A Pew Research Center study found that only 1 percent of news coverage was dedicated to the spill last month, down from 22 percent during the height of the crisis.

However, a separate Pew survey found that 34 percent of the people responding to a poll in mid-September said they were still very interested in the spill making it the top news item that week in terms of public interest. Participants were presented with news topics and asked how much they were following them.

But even if people say



they're interested when asked directly, information from Google suggests that they're not searching as much for information about the spill online.

The term "Gulf oil spill" was a hot search on Google for weeks, peaking in mid-May as a sense of doom built around the fate of coastal towns, marshes and beaches. Soon, photos were all over the media of oiled marshlands and crude washing in with the surf on beaches.

Conditions on some parts of the coast improved in July, and Google searches had decreased dramatically by late that month, when BP finally capped the well and oil stopped flowing into the deep-blue waters off the coast of Louisiana.

Even more Web users lost interest through August despite the occasional blip, and people now enter in the Gulf oil spill search terms about as often as they did in April before the horrendous rig explosion and unstopped gusher grabbed the coast by the throat. Far more common today are searches for information about the economy, actress Lindsay Lohan or the University of Alabama's top-ranked football team.

One place where interest remains high is Cordova, Alaska. The northern fishing community of 2,200 was devastated after the tanker Exxon Valdez ran aground in Prince William Sound in 1989, and Gulf residents have visited to learn from survivors of the Alaska spill. □

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# Trees planted for global climate campaign



A time-lapse handout photo shows campaigners spelling out the safe upper limit for carbon in the atmosphere in front of the Sydney Opera House. Environmental campaigners planted trees, collected rubbish and rallied against pollution for what organisers aimed to make the world's biggest day of climate-change activism.

BERLIN – Environmental campaigners planted trees, collected rubbish and rallied against pollution on Sunday for what organisers aimed to make the world's biggest day of climate-change activism.

The 10/10/10 event known as the "Global Work Party" kicked off in Australia and New Zealand before spinning its way across the globe via more than 7,000 community events in 188 countries.

"The only countries that aren't taking part, we think, are Equatorial Guinea, San Marino, North Korea, so it's clearly the most widespread day of environmental action," co-founder of the 350.org campaign Bill McKibben said.

"And as far as we can tell, the most widespread day of civic engagement on any issue ever in the planet's history."

The event comes as long-running United Nations efforts to broker a global deal to tackle global warming have stalled, and McKibben said while organisers had feared that people would be disillusioned by this, the opposite was true. "People are discouraged but they are taking out their frustrations in action," he told AFP by telephone from Washington.

"They have decided that we are going to have to show our leaders what leadership looks like."

In Berlin, some 30 people gathered at the Brandenburg Gate, a well-known city monument, and pulled a symbolic giant plug from a mock power station and connected it to a solar panel and a wind turbine.

In Beijing, hundreds of volunteers walked through

the city collecting trash as a "symbol of how much waste is in the public sphere", said Christian Teriete of the Global Campaign for Climate Action. More than 30,000 students from some 200 Chinese universities launched a nationwide programme calling for climate action through practical measures, such as removing rubbish from local areas.

"This was the biggest show of youth environmental action in China's history," media spokeswoman Joanna Wong said.

"It is about China's youth

showing the world they want to take responsibility for our country's green future."

In the Philippines, thousands of people in the capital Manila joined a run to raise awareness about the Pasig River -- a major waterway that is heavily polluted.

In the Kenyan capital Nairobi between 150 and 200 people demonstrated at a market in a poor area of the city where they picked up litter and planted trees.

"This event is about creating awareness about climate change," Winnie Asiti Khaemba, 350.org East and

West Africa coordinator, told AFP.

"We are trying to get the international guys, the local guys, the politicians, the people who make policy at the national level, at the regional level and the international level to see that this is a serious problem."

In Rome, organisers planned to unfurl a giant banner in gardens of the Villa Borghese proclaiming "No CO2, no traffic smog, no F1 in Rome" and foreign students were to clean the streets in the neighbourhood of their university. □

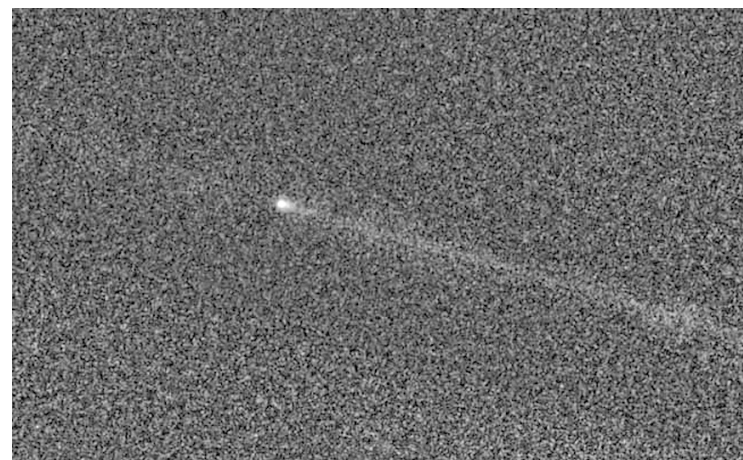
## New Comet Photos Show Icy Target for NASA Probe

Tariq Malik

New photos of an icy comet taken from Earth and space are giving astronomers a tantalizing preview of the object ahead of an upcoming flyby of a NASA spacecraft.

In one photo, the Comet Hartley 2 is shown as it appeared to the camera eye of NASA's Wide-field Infrared Survey Explorer or WISE. A space telescope scanning the solar system for hidden asteroids and comets. Another snapshot, taken by a NASA scientist using an Earth-based telescope, shows the comet as little more than a bright green smudge against the black background of space.

Even the Hubble Space Telescope has taken a gander at Hartley 2, revealing it as a bright comet sailing in a sea



This visitor from deep space, seen here by NASA's Wide-field Infrared Survey Explorer, or WISE, is comet Hartley 2 — the destination for NASA's EPOXI mission. This image was taken May 10, 2010 and released Oct. 5.

of night. The comet is nearly 1 mile (1.5 km) wide, according to the Hubble observations.

The new photos set the stage for the planned Nov. 4 flyby of Comet Hartley 2 by NASA's Deep Impact spacecraft, a probe that completed its main

mission to a different comet in 2005 and is being recycled to visit Hartley 2 as part of a new project called EPOXI.

"We want to know how the comet behaves as it comes toward the sun and out of deep freeze," said James Bauer, a scientist at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif., working on the WISE mission. "The WISE image is one critical puzzle piece of many that will give a comprehensive view of the behavior of the comet through the time of the encounter."

NASA scientist William Cooke took the new ground-based photo of Comet Hartley 2. Cooke used a telescope near Mayhill, N.M., which he controlled via the Internet from his home in Huntsville, Ala.

"Comet-watching from the comfort of your living room!" NASA officials wrote in a blog. "Modern astronomy is truly amazing." □

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# Ecuador extiende estado excepción en Quito de forma indefinida

QUITO (Reuters) - El Gobierno de Ecuador anunció el sábado que mantendrá por tiempo indefinido el estado de excepción en Quito, el que fue declarado a raíz de la rebelión policial del 30 de septiembre, que dejó 10 muertos y 274 heridos.

El estado de excepción, decretado por el presidente Rafael Correa en medio de la insubordinación, regía a nivel nacional, y tras ser prorrogado el pasado martes, debía concluir en todo el país hacia la medianoche del viernes.

El ministro de Seguridad, Miguel Carvajal, indicó que “esta decisión la tomó el Gobierno nacional para que la Fuerzas Armadas continúen precautelando instalaciones importantes y brindado servicio a instituciones como la Asamblea Nacional (Legislatura)”, según la casa de Gobierno.

Carvajal señaló que la medida, que fue levantada en el resto del país, no supone ninguna restricción de derechos, por lo que no están suspendidos actos públicos ni ningún tipo de reuniones.

Durante el estado de excepción, que se puede declarar en casos como de conmoción interna, el presidente está facultado para suspender o limitar derechos como la inviolabilidad de domicilio, disponer la censura previa en la información de los medios y disponer el empleo de la fuerza pública. □



Foto de archivo. Soldados escoltan a miembros detenidos de la policía hasta la fiscalía general en la capital ecuatoriana. El Gobierno extendió el domingo de forma indefinida la alerta de excepción en Quito. REUTERS/Gary Granja

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